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to discover who and what
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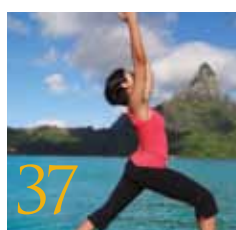
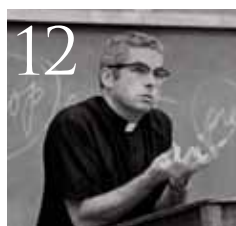
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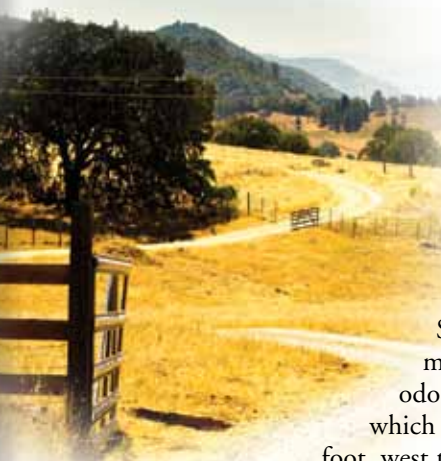
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FROM THE EDITOR



We walk

Don't kid yourself: Walking is work—certainly when we're talking not so much a morning constitutional around the neighborhood but, as spring swelters into summer, a journey from the Pacific Ocean to the Sierra Nevada. Calibrate the distance in miles and it's more than 200 clicks on the odometer. Measure the distance in feet—which you do, when you're walking, foot by foot, west to east, and you have to think more in terms of a *million*. You don't have to tell that to your paws; they know and show all too well that it's a long climb from feeling the sand and the cold saltwater between your toes to taking into your lungs the oxygen exhaled by giant sequoias, to hearing and *feeling* your footfalls on glacially polished granite.

But if you're going to walk across California, there are many ways other than incremental units to assess the distance, to imagine the journey: Between selves and communities, in terms of the food that sustains us and the water that slakes our thirst, whether we live in Oakland's flats or on the Tuolumne Miwok reservation, whether we make our home in historic and charming Copperopolis—where Black Bart earned some infamy back in the day—or we work the fields around street-tough Stockton.

Survey the journey in time: the weeks it takes to get from San Francisco to Mt. Diablo to Hodgdon Meadow. Appraise how far you're traveling in years: the geologic tale unfolding beneath you as you traverse city and dale, river and road. Count the birds and the butterflies and the cars. Gauge the human stories that are given to you, freely, because you are walking and because you are *listening* and because you are here to learn, in a bigger sense than perhaps ever before, what is this magnificent and complex and troubled place we inhabit? California! How far we've come! you say. How far we have to go!

Metaphoric and evolutionary, startling and revolutionary: This is your walk. The iambic pentameter in your stride tells you, as do your aching calves and hips, that it's not the destination but the journey. Yes, though there's this: Comes a day when you arrive and you are done walking, at least this leg of the caravan. What goods have you brought with you, what have you given and let go, what have you acquired in exchange? Your feet will get dusty along the way. They'll want washing. That's okay. As a wise and kind woman named Rachel liked to say, "Fortunately, we're all washable."

Keep the faith,

Steven Boyd Saum
Editor



Bonfires, poems, humanity

While making a presentation to a group of eighth-graders who had asked me about the college experience and writing careers, I was pleased to show the students a simple, vivid, and relevant example of both—the winter edition cover story on the humanities and the cover text, "Because everybody savors a good story."

No need to defend the humanities. Being an English major was a natural fit for me, and my appreciation for the pros who taught me the skills to understand and participate in the world has grown over the years. Still, it is gratifying to see a full-color acknowledgment that the humanities are of value, even if the piece would have been improved by discussing more than the practical reward of a paycheck. As a writer, I've been sharing the stories of the U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine for more than 15 years, translating scientific concepts into plain English for lay audiences. It has been meaningful work.

The interview about Fr. William Rewak was even more welcome. I took several courses and received much advice from him. As I tried to convey the essence of my long-ago college experience

LETTERS

"I jump for joy seeing articles like this."

to students who are only starting to prepare for higher education, I was delighted to be able to point out Father's photo and say, "This is the person who taught me how to write."

LYNN NARLESKY '74
Davis, Calif.

Regarding "How to prevent a bonfire of the humanities," by Michael S. Malone '75, MBA '77, I never thought C.P. Snow had it right, and I think history supports that view. In over 30 years of doing business in manufacturing, farm and construction equipment distribution, and finance, I have never hired an undergraduate business major or a scientist. I have always preferred humanities majors who can write a complete, grammatically correct sentence that readers can comprehend—and who understand that the world is not as simple as the United States or the community in which they grew up and matured. My view was influenced by Fr. Rewak, who, as President of Santa Clara in the late 1970s, taught a poetry class for engineers.

It would be helpful to the economy if more firms had the view that Malone presents in his article—and put that view into practice. Any time my friends ask me what their kids should major in as undergraduates, I tell them arts and humanities! An undergraduate education

should be about learning to think, challenging ideas, developing independent thoughts, and being able to communicate through storytelling, both orally and in writing. If parents want their children to get a job and a life they will love, that is what they should encourage them to do.

JAMES CANALES '80
New York, N.Y.

Those versed in humanities, with their creativity, art, and eloquence, can and should point the way forward for those harnessed to the

The problem is not that the humanities don't have a contribution to make to the tech industry but, rather, that those who study the humanities often don't see how they can contribute to that industry.

The challenge we often have at the SCU Career Center is educating the English majors that their Jane Austen monographs and deconstructions of *The Tempest* arm them with a unique set of transferable skills. Although they may not be discussing the death of the novel over the virtual water

Carole K. Meagher MBA '98

Trying to imagine Facebook and Google without an elegantly designed user interface (art majors!) or content worth searching or sharing (music, political science, psychology...) Nope. Can't do it.

Like · Comment This month near Pleasanton

engine of technology. In my family, with a house full of humanities majors, I jump for joy seeing articles like this.

I am an engineer. Yes, the technology world needs people who can help guide the work, who can inspire, who can tell the story of why a product needs to be done, not just what the product does, not just the profit, not just the advancement of science. This approach with humanities may need to take the same entrepreneurial path taken to launch personal computing—doing it from the garage.

RENE CLABAUGH M.S. '05
Santa Clara

cooler at Google (Chief Legal Officer David Drummond '85 was a history major), the skills they have acquired and honed in the classroom are valuable in the workplace.

Careful analysis of the motivations of a character in literature, the ability to articulate thoughts and persuade others of your ideas and convictions,



“Fifty-four percent of SCU alumni at Apple are in nontechnical positions. Employers hire a person, not a major.”

the creativity and imagination inherent in writing or interpreting poetry—all of these require traits that employers value. Data from LinkedIn (co-founder Reid Hoffman was a philosophy major) show us that Google and Apple (co-founder Steve Jobs was inspired by a calligraphy class) hire more of our alumni into nontechnical than technical positions; in fact, 54 percent of SCU alumni at Apple are in nontechnical positions. Employers hire a person, not a major.

ELSPETH ROSSETTI '75, M.A. '96

Director, SCU Career Center

[David Drummond will speak at the law school commencement this year.—Ed.]

Technology is indispensable, and Malone sullies all clear-headed advocates for and agents of technological advancement. As though technological phenomena and their effects on humanity are self-evidently explicable. As though the role of those who critically examine human beings and how they exist in our ever-changing world is to serve as optional adjunct to the manufacturers of semiconductors, as an embellishment on the genuinely valuable work of the scientist.

KEVIN HILKE

San Jose



The feature article “This will not be on the test” on the people and activities of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Santa Clara University in the winter 2013 *SCM* was an outstanding work by **Mitch Finley '73**. OLLI at SCU celebrates its 10th anniversary this fall. We are launching an initiative to reach 1,000 members, with details to be unveiled at our fall kickoff on Aug. 24, 2013. We know the “seasoned adult” scholars are out there. All we need to do is find a way to get the message to all those who do not yet know that this quality community outreach offering can be found on the campus of Santa Clara University. Special thanks to *Santa Clara Magazine* for your role in bringing this message to all your readers in the Bay Area.

RON LINDSAY

Chair, OLLI@SCU membership committee

As an enthusiastic and dedicated Osher member who is so grateful to have a home at SCU, I applaud you for your superb article. The program has been especially effective in attracting and nurturing many non-SCU alums. Not only is there contentedness with the extraordinarily rich OLLI program, but also there has been frequent positive feedback at the discovery that Bronco students are courteous and solicitous to senior citizens who walk the campus. That civility is significant during these times when it seems to be vanishing from the general population that does not have access to the inspiration of the Jesuit mission. How lucky we Osher-ites are! Thanks for recognizing us and our privileged program.

VILMA KENNEDY PALLETTE

Santa Clara

One of the great programs that Santa Clara University offers to the broader community: Local residents, alums, staff, and faculty are all part of this worthwhile outreach effort.

PAT DEBRINCAT

Portola Valley, Calif.

My first time on SCU campus was when I took a fabulous course called The Historical Jesus offered by OLLI. I am not only

hooked on OLLI but also on the University and have taken advantage of SCU lectures as well as many OLLI courses. I was a professor for 30 years. It is even more fun being a student—and not having tests!

KATHARINE ROSENBERRY

Mountain View

Predictive policing

This is a very good article. Match this work to predicting mass killings by young men with known mental problems and more funding by the Department of Justice, and others will follow. Also, look at Infragard [a program and website], for citizens with clean records.

HENRY NEWTON MBA '72

Metairie, La.



To track or not to track

Irina Raicu’s “To track or not to track” raises exceptionally important questions. I wonder, however, if they will lead us to a paradigm shift—as long as there is any monetary benefit from tracking. Ethical choices are suddenly confusing for us when financial benefit is to be had. A cautionary note from St. Francis: Where there is money, there is fighting to protect it.

SARAH KIRBY '01

Mountain View



Heart of the matter

The Mission Gardens and the welcoming Statue of the Sacred Heart helped me to fall in love with Santa Clara. As a high school student taking a campus tour of my future college, I knew SCU was a very special place. I became one of the students studying on the grass near the Mission.

All these years later, I return to campus to stroll the grounds and take lovely photos. There are many of this historic statue. Somehow I am pleased that my photos are of the original.

MICHELE TERZIAN MUNDA '71

San Mateo

I was really taken aback when I came to SCU for my 40th reunion and found the statue of the Sacred Heart absent! I asked the nearest student where “He” was—and was relieved to find out that “He” would be returning. I said a prayer in thanksgiving, Sacred Heart of Jesus!

SHEILA KRAUS BOYD '72

Upland, Calif.

I have many times sat at the foot of Jesus, and have said many prayers. I think Jesus must have been listening, as I passed my exams and graduated.

MIKE SALERNO '75

San Jose

You state that it was decided to rotate the statue to face south in about 1930. I have been telling relatives and friends since my student days that the statue responded to the SF earthquake of 1906 and assumed the new orientation by itself. I like my story better. Who is right? What orientation are you going to set the statue back on?

HARRY WILLIAMS '51

Claremont, Calif.

[We like that quake story, too. We'll see what we can dig up.—Ed.]

Twice as sweet

It's great to see Chuck Hildebrand back writing about SCU sports. When he was working for the old *Palo Alto Times* and *Mid-Peninsula Tribune*, he was the finest sports writer in the Bay Area and certainly did the best job of covering SCU, especially men's basketball. Chuck's book *Bronco Sundays* (about SCU football) and his biography of now retired basketball coach **Dick Davies** are superb.

TIM FENNELL '71

Los Altos

My dad, **Bryce T. Brown '37**, was on that team.

BRYCE M. BROWN '64

Renton, Wash.

Fantastic.

BRYAN BARKER '86

Neptune Beach, Fla.

[We'd like to point out that Bryan Barker played 16 years and 236 games in the NFL before retiring in 2007. Before that, he finished his SCU career as the Broncos' all-time leader in punts, and in one game he booted the ball 81 yards. Fantastic, yes?—Ed.]

CORRECTIONS:

What's in a name? A lot, if it's yours and we get it wrong. In “The play's the thing” (Winter *SCM*), Sahar Jamal is the name of the young woman originally identified as Nawaf Ashur. A note from Mr. Ashur pointed out that he doesn't tend to sport high heels and jeans, and he's not studying international relations. He graciously accepted our apology for the name gaffe. More serious, a reference to “isolated killings” in the article is one we'd like to take back; as **Peter Friedrich '91** points out, there's been exactly one American killed in Sulaimani in the past 20 years, and that was not related to sectarian violence. **SBS**

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Mitch Finley (“In this together”) is the author of more than 30 books on Catholic themes, including *The Rosary Handbook: A Guide for Newcomers, Old-Timers, and Those in Between* and *The Joy of Being Catholic*.

Jeff Gire (“The \$1 million question” and “Blood. Sweat. Tears. Repeat.”) is a university writer/editor who, this time around, covers the Leavey Challenge, the grueling SWAT challenge, and *Survivor*.

Jesse Hamlin (“Walk Across California”) has written for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *New York Times*, and other publications over the past 30 years on a wide range of music and art. It was his work on “The Makers,” for the Summer 2012 *SCM*, that hooked him on this story.

Frederic Larson photographed “Walk Across California.” A longtime photojournalist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, he has won numerous awards regionally and nationally. His work has appeared in more than a dozen books, including *Mystical San Francisco*.

William J. Rewak, S.J., is the Chancellor of Santa Clara University and wrote the AfterWords for this edition, “The first Jesuit Pope.”

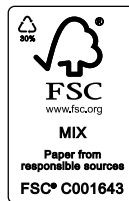
Edward Rooks photographed and illustrated people, places, flora, and fauna for “Walk Across California.” A naturalist and wildlife artist, he has served as consultant and instructor at SCU in art, environmental studies, and international programs.

Steven Boyd Saum (“Miller's tale”) is the editor of this magazine and, by way of full disclosure for this article, hails from the vicinity of the Windy City.

Patricia Yollin (“Range of motion”) is a veteran reporter and editor with Bay Area newspapers. This is her first piece for *SCM*.

Jeff Zorn (“Keep the door open”) has taught at SCU since 1974. He is a senior lecturer in English, and his contributions to this mag include “Remembering 1968,” an AfterWords that's been used by colleagues to teach history.

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House arrest no more:
Chen Guangcheng

LAW

When justice is kidnapped

The 2013 Alexander Law Prize honors Chen Guangcheng, a Chinese civil-rights activist and attorney who protested government abuses—including excessive enforcement of the one-child policy—then escaped house arrest to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

For 20 years Chen Guangcheng has been stirring up trouble: He has pursued human-rights cases in rural areas of China, advocating for women's rights, rights for the disabled, land rights, constitutional law, and the rule of law. He's also an unlikely crusader. Blind since early childhood and self-taught in law, he became known as the "barefoot lawyer."

But he doesn't talk in terms of crusading. He says, "It was natural for me to step on this journey." Not embarking on it, he says, would be "like trying to shy away from being beaten by somebody who uses sticks to attack you."

That was a remark he made on March 18 at the Louis B. Mayer Theatre, where Chen was awarded the 2013 George and Katharine Alexander Law Prize, presented since 2008 to top lawyers who have used their legal careers to help alleviate injustice and inequity. Chen has lived in the United States since last year. How did he get here?

Prison and escape

In 2006, Chen filed a class action lawsuit against authorities in the Shandong province, alleging excessive enforcement of China's one-child policy—which often results in forced abortions and sterilizations. Chen was

arrested on trumped-up charges. After a trial, during which he was denied access to his legal counsel, he was convicted and sentenced to four years in prison. In 2006, *Time* magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Immediately after being released in September 2010, Chen was again placed under house arrest and reportedly beaten when his treatment was aired on the Internet. But in April 2012 he made a daring escape from house arrest and fled to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. He drew attention not just from U.S. diplomats but the British Foreign Secretary, Human Rights Watch, and Amnesty International, each of which issued appeals on his behalf. He and his family ultimately were granted U.S. visas after negotiations with the Chinese government that allowed them to travel to New York, where Chen now lives with his wife and two children and studies law.

Family members who still live in China report being pressured and abused. Among them: Chen's nephew, Chen Kegui, who has been accused of attempted homicide after defending himself against bandits looting his home.

Ordinary people

Today in China, "justice is kidnapped, so the ordinary people cannot voice their opinions," Chen told his Santa Clara audience.


But that doesn't let ordinary people off the hook. "In the United States, attorneys carry heavy responsibility for alleviating injustice. In China, lawyers are also endeavoring and working hard, but in contrast it is different, because the Chinese lawyers will face suppression. It doesn't matter if it's a lawyer or a scholar ... everyone has a responsibility to make a society better."

He expressed hopes for what's to come in China, but he counseled caution about being overly optimistic about what recent changes in leadership mean for the legal system.

The prize

The Alexander Prize is made possible due to the generosity and friendship of Katharine and **George Alexander**. Katharine served for many years as a public defender in the Santa Clara County court system and earned a reputation as a tireless advocate for her clients. George served as professor of law for 34 years, and led as dean for 15 years.

The prize was presented by President **Michael E. Engh, S.J.**, and Dean of Law **Don Polden**, who steps down this summer after 10 years of leading the law school.

Lisa Kloppenberg begins work as the new dean on July 1. She comes to SCU from the University of Dayton, where she led the law school. **Deborah Lohse and Steven Boyd Saum** 

GLOBAL EDUCATION

A new Jesuit university in Hong Kong

Leveraging a global network to build a liberal arts college—a novel concept in the region. But for Jesuits, it's tradition—with an eye toward solving modern problems.

For several years, a new Jesuit university in Hong Kong has been on the drawing board, gradually moving from an idea to an institution. SCU Presidential Professor of Global Outreach **Don Dodson** has been playing a leading role in designing and creating the new school. Now, with the first meeting of the university's trustees and land slated for tender this spring, open doors may soon be a reality.

President **Michael E. Engh, S.J.**, serves on the board of trustees for the proposed liberal arts college. In January he and other trustees met to discuss details about the institution's founding, should the proposal be accepted by the Hong Kong government. Along with Georgetown University's president, Jack DeGioia, S.J., Fr. Engh delivered a keynote address on Santa Clara's experience with "Higher Education for Combating Poverty."

The meeting of the advisors for the proposed university made headlines in Hong Kong. There are two Jesuit high schools in the region, but the launching of a Jesuit university—and what and how it would teach—is big

news. That's true locally, but it's also important for the global Jesuit network of higher education and its mission.

Education for combating poverty

In one sense, the proposed university has been a long time coming: The Jesuit commitment to education in China goes back more than 400 years, to the work of Matteo Ricci, S.J. With Santa Clara serving as a founding partner, that would also mean forging connections between internationalized Hong Kong and Silicon Valley—"where entrepreneurship, creativity, and innovation have flourished for 40 years," as Fr. Engh noted.

A broader education offers students "inspiration and models to create solutions to modern problems," Fr. Engh said. "In the face of growing poverty, inequality, pollution, and social strife, effective solutions require students with both broad and deep knowledge to address the complexity of these issues."

This vision of education "includes, but transcends, individual success." At Santa Clara, some of the ways that vision is articulated are through programs of the Ignatian Center for

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Jesuit Education, such as the Jean Donovan Fellowships that support students who design their own community-based learning experiences at home or abroad. Likewise, the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics affords the opportunity to study and guide decision makers about ethical issues in business, government, education, and health care. And the Global Social Benefit Incubator, based in the Center for Science, Technology, and Society, has worked in its first decade

to assist small startup companies to scale up to larger and more profitable operations. The lives of tens of millions across the globe are the better for it.

The *South China Morning*

Post expressed keen interest in the fact that the college would include courses in theology. These, Fr. Engh noted, offer students understanding of their “interior spiritual lives”—and they mean grappling with big questions like the meaning of evil and what it is to be human.

Returning from Hong Kong, Fr. Engh observed that the meeting had offered a reminder of how valuable global cooperation on a project like this can be: “We are a part of something much bigger, more powerful, and of greater impact than the contributions of a single institution. Collectively, the Jesuit network of institutions around the world is doing impressive things that empower communities through education, and its potential is growing.” **SBS** 

ATHLETICS

Double trouble

Growing up tennis with Kelly Lamble '13 and John Lamble '14. And Bronco teams that are a force to be reckoned with nationally.

Perhaps nobody appreciates how far Santa Clara tennis has come better than **Mike Lamble '78**. In the mid-'70s, Lamble was the men's No. 1 player, but that meant little against major programs like Stanford, which could wipe the Broncos off the court without even troubling their best players.

A generation later, it's a different picture. Lamble watched with glee last year as the men rallied to a school-record 22 wins to qualify for their first NCAA tournament. They then wasted no time showing they were there to do more than just make an appearance, knocking off No. 19 Texas. They fell to host Stanford in the next round, but not before defeating the Cardinal's top doubles team and singles player, the kind of victories that were unfathomable in Lamble's student days.

“It's just night and day compared to when I played,” says Lamble, an Australian

native who arrived at Santa Clara after a school booster spotted him teaching tennis in Texas. Today, he says, “If I were playing my best tennis, I might not be able to make the team.”

Double trouble

Lamble has good reason for paying close attention to Bronco tennis in all its incarnations. His son **John '14** is a rising star who has assumed the No. 1 single position his father once held and is helping set a raft of new highs for the program. After winning all four of his postseason matches in singles and doubles last year, John finished his sophomore year as the 77th ranked singles player in the nation, a new best for SCU. He opened his junior year at No. 65 in the nation, and No. 2 in the Northwest.

Lamble's daughter, **Kelly '13**, meanwhile, is the senior co-captain of the women's team, which has recorded

Co-captain: Kelly Lamble '13



JOHN MEDINA




its first national rankings during her tenure. She has twice received WCC honorable mention for her play on the court and is even more formidable in the classroom. The recipient of a Provost Scholarship for academic prowess, in addition to an athletic scholarship, Kelly earned WCC All-Academic Team honors last season after pulling down a 3.85 GPA while pursuing dual degrees in finance and psychobiology.

Records broken left and right

Growing up tennis was a family affair. Not only did the siblings have their father to look up to, but their mother, **Geri M.S. '96**, was a highly regarded amateur, and the one who took on the logistical burdens of raising rising tennis players. When Kelly and her brother were young, the whole family would play together, her father acting as their first coach. “I can't even imagine the number of balls he hit with us,” Kelly says. “We would hit for hours.”

Family legacy, though, didn't count for much in either sibling's decision to attend Santa Clara. John, a blue-chip recruit whose booming backhand and relentless hustle made him a hot commodity coming out of nearby Saratoga High School, says he saw the opportunity to make his mark on a program obviously taking flight under Head Coach **Derek Mills**. In 2010, the men finished 53rd in the nation, itself a noticeable accomplishment. In 2012 they finished 33rd. Like his sister, he says he saw a chance to be part of a change.

“It was a big thing for me to go to a school where I could do something that no one had done before as a team and as an individual,” John Lamble says. “Records are being broken left and right. It's great to be a part of.” **Sam Scott '96** 



A force: John Lamble '14

DENIS CONCORDEL

Call her All-Star

Maplewood standout Meagan Fulps '13 heads to China.

When she got the call in April asking her to go to China, **Meagan Fulps '13** was focused on the work still to do on her senior capstone project in filmmaking. But that invitation began something like a movie with her in a starring role: She's a point guard on an elite crew of women from across the country, the NetScouts Basketball All-Star Team, coached by former SCU women's basketball coach **Chris Denker**. In the first half of May they traveled to China to take on teams from China, Brazil, and Australia.

Hometown: Littleton, Colo.

Bronco career: No. 7 on all-time scoring list with 1,297 points and multiple West Coast Conference honors.

Advice: “Never forget how much you love the game.”



DENIS CONCORDEL



EDUCATION

Theory and practice

Master's plus credential

The School of Education and Counseling Psychology class of '13 includes nearly 50 individuals who are the first in the new Master of Arts in Teaching + Teaching Credential (MATTC) program. Earning a teaching credential has been

possible at Santa Clara since the 1950s. But some opportunities are reserved for graduate students, such as a richer curriculum and restricted financial aid. Earning a master's also gives teachers an advantage when it comes to starting salaries.

SCU's program was introduced to meet the needs of local educators, with an eye toward working with Catholic elementary and secondary education as well as public schools.

Many enrolled students are new to teaching, while others currently work in area Catholic schools and are studying for the credential, as required by the Diocese of San Jose.

The rigorous 12-month MATTC program integrates demanding master-level coursework with teacher-preparation experience—with a particular emphasis on ethical teaching practices, says **Pedro Hernández-Ramos**, chair of the education department. "Social justice and equity issues are key in the curriculum."

Marisa Solis 

BUSINESS

Scale up, dig down


A pair of new master's programs

The Leavey School of Business begins teaching students in two new graduate programs this summer. Both degrees will incorporate an emphasis on business ethics, including a course in business integrity and society.

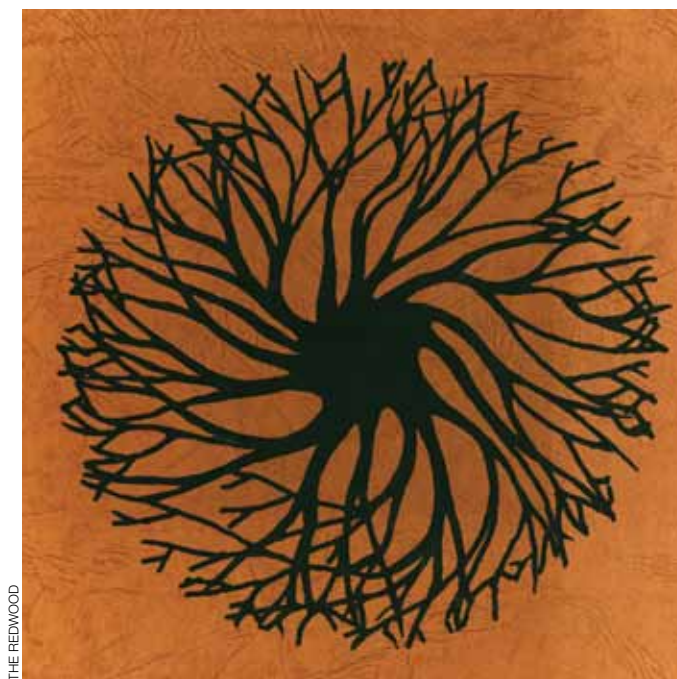
M.S. in entrepreneurship

To give students vital knowledge to find new market opportunities, evaluate customer needs, and understand what's required to "scale up" a good idea. Includes classes in managing innovation, intellectual property, and economics for business decisions.

M.S. in finance

For students seeking deeper analytical understanding of today's venture-capital and financial marketplace. Teaches how to analyze sophisticated financial statements and understand U.S. and international financial markets and institutions. **DL** 

Santa Clara Snapshot: 1973



THE REDWOOD

Yearbox: The 1973 edition of *The Redwood*. At santaclaramagazine.com/yearbox see more cool stuff from that year.

1 four-woman show at the de Saisset Museum, including work by Judy Chicago and Bonnie Sherk. The installation by Sherk is described as a "total environment show" and includes trees, bushes, railings, pigs, mice, chickens, roosters, and rabbits.

6 female cadets join Santa Clara's ROTC program as it expands to accommodate women.

24 rats and student trainers compete in inaugural SCU Rat Race Invitational.

99 cents for the All You Can Eat Spaghetti Special at Straw Hat Pizza Palace.

800 people (Santa Clarans and otherwise) sing "Happy Birthday" to Ben Swig, longtime friend of the University, at a celebration for his 80th birthday.

1,350 pounds of marijuana, with a value of \$90,000 ("and that ain't hay") confiscated in Santa Cruz County and burned by sheriff's deputies, according to the "In the Noose" column in the student newspaper, *The Santa Clara*.

\$2 million Bannan Hall dedicated on Oct. 19.

Danae Stahlnecker '15 and Sarah Perkins '13

RANKINGS

All this, and a lovely campus, too

A roundup of how some folks rate colleges around the country—from business and law programs to salaries of grads to looks.

**True Value**

Kiplinger's Best Values in Private Colleges 2012 pegs SCU at No. 33 in the country.

That's culled from some 600 candidates, looking at factors that include graduation rates, cost and financial aid, and academic support. Similarly, employee salary data collection company PayScale asked: Does college pay off long-term? Affirmative—with SCU in the top 30 (out of more than 1,200 schools) when they calculate what you pay vs. what you earn in the years to come. For mid-career salaries, SCU scores even higher, at No. 17.

**IP and entrepreneurs**

U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate Schools 2014 puts SCU Law's

intellectual property program at No. 3 in the country. The guide puts SCU's graduate business specialty in entrepreneurship at No. 13. The connections between SCU and Silicon Valley businesses (and that entrepreneurial spirit) are key. The part-time MBA program, geared to working professionals, rose to No. 24 in the guide. And the undergrad business program comes in at No. 38, according to the latest Best Of as tallied by *Bloomberg Businessweek*.

**Presidential recognition for service**

Santa Clara students devoted 133,000

hours to service during the 2011–2012 school year. That put the University on the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, a national award for schools that excel in "placing students on a lifelong path of civic engagement by engaging them in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community." This makes seven years running that SCU has been recognized.

**Beauty and brains**

For two years running, SCU has landed in the top 10 nationally

among "the schools that have it all—a picturesque campus, an attractive student body, and consistently bright weather." That's from *Newsweek* and College Prowler. Calculations include student ratings of other students; the lovely Mission Campus scores a 9.3 out of 10.

**Run, swim, shoot**

The SCU scholar athletes also get their due in College

Prowler's irreverent rankings: Santa Clara is in the top 10 for "most athletic girls" (No. 5) and "most athletic guys" (No. 8). We might note that some stellar GPAs and a Rhodes Scholarship have been known to be part of the mix here.

**The Alumni Factor**

New to the rankings compendia is The Alumni Factor, which

last year surveyed 42,000 college grads from across the country to quantify the college experience (intellectual, social, spiritual development), overall happiness with the school (including alumni giving), job opportunities, and financial success. Those put SCU as the No. 3 Jesuit university in the country and No. 43 out of 177 schools listed. Their takeaway: SCU is "an excellent school that is emerging on the national scene and will rapidly grow in popularity and notoriety."

**Forbes and U.S. News**

Santa Clara is once again the No. 2 master's university in

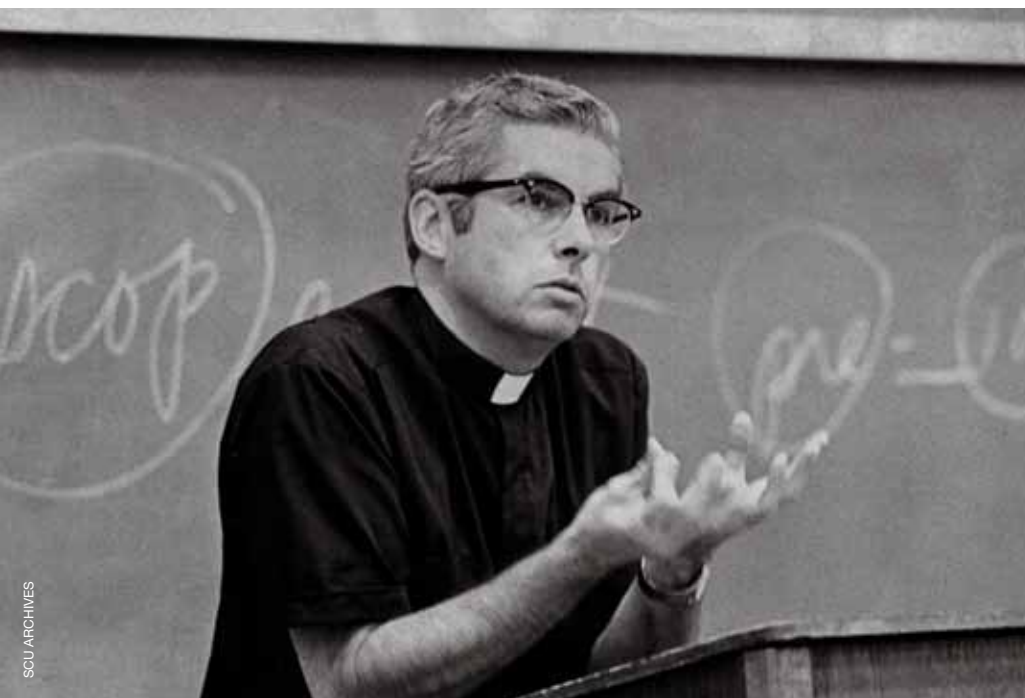
the West on the *U.S. News & World Report* list. A big jump comes for the undergrad engineering program, lauded as No. 14 in the country. *Forbes Magazine* puts SCU at No. 72 among top universities nationally. They rate, among other factors, postgraduate success, student satisfaction, and four-year graduation rate. Eighty percent of SCU students graduate within four years, well above the national graduation rate of 53 percent. 

Keep the door open

For teaching and advising and a ministry that's blessed this place for 48 years—paying tribute to **Charles Phipps, S.J.**

BY JEFF ZORN

Charles Phipps, S.J., an associate professor of English, taught his last class at SCU during winter quarter, a survey of American poetry highlighting favorites that include Longfellow, Whitman, Dickinson, Robinson, and Frost. Like their Mission Campus predecessors for 48 years, Charley's students came away with deep appreciations for literary excellence and for this quintessential man for others.



Ease and breath: We strode down the open corridors together.

Ordained in 1959, Charley arrived at Santa Clara in 1965 fresh from receiving his doctorate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Soon he was settling into the roles constituting his rich ministry: teacher, administrator, priest, and Jesuit community member. Throughout, Charley has understood this as a variation on a single theme: "Seeing God in all things—you're always promoting the Apostolate; you're always serving God."

Charley's life journey includes a good deal of literal travel. Charley spent his three sabbaticals in London (twice) and Oxford. During spring quarter of 1991, he lectured and tutored on American literature at Donetsk State University in Ukraine through the SCU-DSU Exchange Program. Living with a non-English-speaking family in the coal-mining and steel-making city during the waning months of the Soviet Union, Charley developed nonverbal skills he didn't know he had: "It's amazing how much you can communicate when you don't know the language."

Browning and the Beats

While Charley himself is reluctant to rank-order his roles, fellow Jesuits are quick to emphasize the classroom work. **Gerald McKevitt, S.J.**, is the University historian and the Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J., Professor of History. "Charley's life has centered on his teaching," he says. "And he has always wanted to do it well."

Chancellor **William J. Rewak, S.J.**, who first arrived on the Mission Campus to teach English in 1970, adds that "as a teacher, he has been *cura personalis* personified."

Charley has also seen dramatic change in colleagues' priorities of what and how to teach. Keeping up with his discipline's permutations and paradigm shifts, Charley welcomes the contributions of newer approaches like New Historicism, feminism, and deconstruction. Still, he ascribes value to traditional surveys of British and American literature, lamenting their loss in high school curricula: "You're always starting from the beginning now. You presume nothing."

His favorite class to teach has been California literature: Frank Norris, Robinson Jeffers, Wallace Stegner, and the Beats. Fr. Rewak marvels at the range of Charley's poetic interests: "He can with ease and in the same breath deliver lines from both Robert Browning's 'My Last Duchess' and Allen Ginsberg's 'Howl.'" Tellingly, Charley has spent a good deal of class time on Beat poetry because "students love it."

"That was wonderful."

Charley's service work for the University has fallen in 12-year increments—as residence hall director in McLaughlin, director of the honors program, and chairman of the English department. For half a dozen years he directed academic advising in the College of Arts and Sciences. As head of the honors program, Charley relished the company of Santa Clara's brightest, most dedicated undergraduates. Honors students "took their education very seriously." Charley served as academic advisor for all 30, including **Janet Napolitano '79**, former governor of Arizona and now secretary of Homeland Security; **Robert Finocchio '73**, chair of SCU's Board of Trustees; and fellow Jesuits **Jack Treacy '77**, **Th.M. '90** and **Art Liebscher '69**, **M.Div. '84**, **MST '86**.

Secure in his commitments, Charley guided the English department through a period of dramatic evolution. **Claudia MonPere McIsaac**, a senior lecturer in English, arrived at Santa Clara more than 25 years

ago, and she recalls Charley's generosity toward her as a newcomer—and his "kind, calm manner as he welcomed me to the department." Charley takes special pride in having hired six department chairs who have followed him: **Dick Osberg**, **Phyllis Brown**, **Terry Beers**, **Eileen Razzari Elrod**, **John Hawley**, and **Simone Billings**.

Thinking back on his time as director of academic advising, Charley hastens to say, "That was wonderful. I enjoyed that very much. I was trying to continue the tradition of **John Drahmman**, who was beloved by everyone."

Drahmman was a longtime dean of sciences and a professor of physics. He was known as someone generations of students could count on and respect.

Typical for Charley, that sense of respect is something he is quick to share: He waxes eloquent on the staff support he received as director of advising, as well as when he chaired the English department: "Ultimately, they know more about it than we [faculty] do."

Help yourself

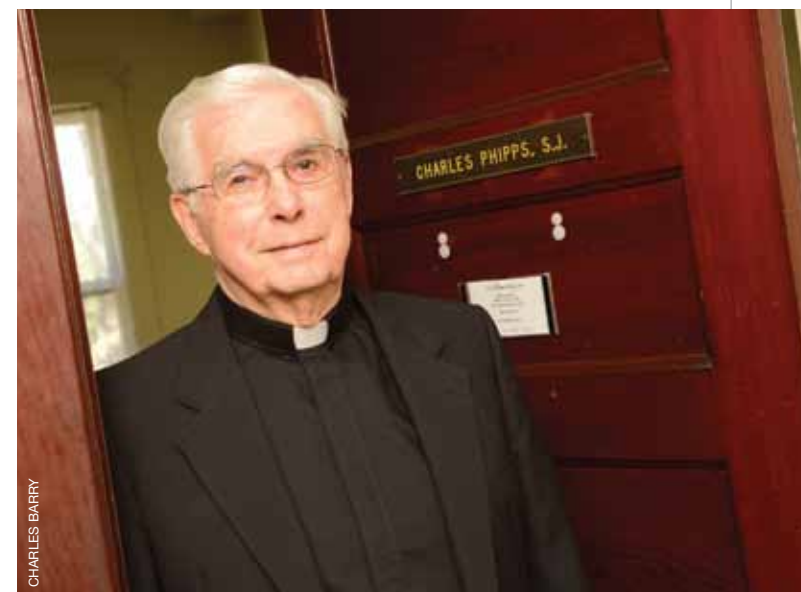
Charley has seen great change in Santa Clara over the decades. Asked to name the most important development, he immediately replies, "Fewer Jesuits." A delicate, fraught dynamic develops as to how to maintain the school's religious, Catholic character as Jesuits play less of a role.

Charley also notes problems of

scale, especially the loss of intimacy: "You knew everyone on campus, but not now. Academic specialization and the pressure for tenure and promotion

tend to isolate people very much. They spend less time on campus." Gains accrue to the University through the higher publishing expectations on faculty, but Charley recognizes that "a lot of the excellent teachers of the past would not be getting tenure today, for lack of publication. It's a different world." In an endearingly self-effacing aside he concedes, "It applies to me."


Such throwaway lines capture the man admired and loved by fellow Jesuits. Charley has served as both minister and assistant minister of that community. **Fred Tollini, S.J.**, a



Gift outright: He finished the quarter with Frost's inaugural poem for JFK. Fr. Phipps himself remembers FDR.

professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance, is moved by how Charley serves and "prays for all." Fr. Rewak asks rhetorically, "How can you not respect someone who laughs at his own bloopers, be grateful to someone who grows tomatoes for our dinner table, and honor someone who gets up at 4 a.m. to take you to the airport?"

Impossibly youthful at 84, Charley glows when talking about his three nephews (**Chris '88**, **M.A. '04**, **Charley '84**, and **Rich '83**, all Santa Clara graduates), their children, and the students he has mentored, intellectually and spiritually. Seeing Charley in the fullness of his ministry, Art Liebscher, himself a longtime resident minister in the freshman and sophomore residence halls, is prepared to say that Charles Phipps "comes close to embodying 'Jesuit Santa Clara.'"

Closing out his service to the English department, Charley left his office door open for colleagues to come take his books, shelf after shelf of the best British and American literature. Gifting Santa Clara with beauty—and a message to colleagues that concluded "Grateful to all!"—seems just the right parting gesture for Charles Phipps. 



Kristin E. Heyer uses to introduce the human dimension of immigration policy in *Kinship Across Borders: A Christian Ethic of Immigration* (Georgetown University Press, 2012).

Heyer is the Bernard J. Hanley Professor of Religious Studies at SCU. She is also the author of *Prophetic and Public: The Social Witness of U.S. Catholicism*. It's no secret that the complexity of immigration reform continues to bedevil U.S. policymakers. "Immigration cannot be reduced to a security or legal issue alone," Heyer summarizes. "It also involves economics, trade policy, cultural tolerance, family values, and criminal justice."

What Heyer offers here is grounded in a theology that “calls believers to promote structures and practices marked by kinship and justice.” Immigration involves a journey. In Heyer’s case, her grandfather—at 7 years old—traveled unaccompanied to the United States from Ireland. In the big picture of immigration, Heyer hopes, what she’s written “can provide guideposts along the journey from exclusion to solidarity.” **SBS**

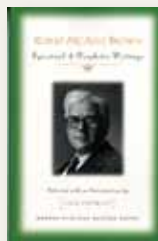
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BORDER GUIDEPOSTS

Here are a father's words to a son soon headed off to college: "Sigue adelante. Te quiero." *Keep moving forward. I love you.* It's a sentiment concomitant with good family values. But there's a problem. The words are shared by a man in Arizona who is then hauled off in an ICE van, to be deported back to Mexico. The scene is one that

A PROPHETIC VOICE

Robert McAfee Brown: Spiritual and Prophetic Writings (Orbis Books, 2013) is just the beginning, hopes editor **Paul Crowley, S.J.**, of reintroducing readers to a man who was a truly remarkable theologian, activist, and spiritual guide. From the civil rights movement to wars

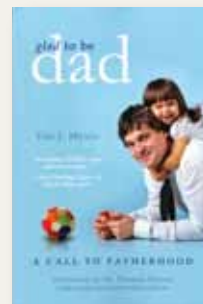


in Vietnam and Central America, Brown's sermons and actions embrace the place where faith meets the toughest issues of the day. He stood atop the crematorium at Auschwitz-Birkenau with

Elie Wiesel; he was arrested for being a Freedom Rider; he was invited by the Catholic Church to be an observer at Vatican II. *Newsweek* put him on the cover in 1966.

Crowley is the Jesuit Community Professor of Religious Studies. He was once a student of Brown's at another university here in Silicon Valley; later, when Brown was a visiting professor at Santa Clara, they were colleagues. And SCU recognized Brown's contributions two decades ago with an honorary doctor of sacred theology degree. Brown died in 2001. Crowley observes that Brown's voice, and his understanding of "religious liberty," is sorely missed.

Brown was also a man of humor, justice, and compassion, writes Professor of English **Judith Dunbar** in the foreword. And he was a man who wrote that courage “may be the most important Christian word for our times.” **SBS**



**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY!**

Tim J. Myers loves being a father ... on the days he's not battling toddler snow pants, sippy cups, Barney boredom, and those skull-shattering meltdown tantrums that can pop up out of nowhere like a destructive Texas tornado. And, actually, as he writes in ***Glad to Be a Dad: A Call to Fatherhood*** (Familius, 2013), when he manages to slow down and find humor, he loves being a dad even on those days.

A parenting book speckled with moments of joy, Myers' tale recounts the days of newly found expertise as a homemaker. Packed with funny stories—the dried-oatmeal-in-the-toaster fire?—the book is a sweet pleasure. It also insists that fathers themselves stand to gain by investing time in the complicated work of active love.


"We need more than time-worn images of fatherhood that focus only on taking kids fishing, or teaching them how to catch," Myers writes.

Myers is a songwriter, a storyteller, and a senior lecturer in SCU's Department of English. His ***Basho and the Fox*** was chosen as a Smithsonian Notable Children's Book and read aloud on National Public Radio by Daniel Pinkwater.

John Deever



WHEN I'M 64



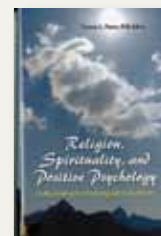
The question, **Jerrold Shapiro** observes, might be inspired by watching the last of our fledglings leave the nest. Or maybe it's blowing out 50 or 60 candles on the birthday cake—and how unreal that

seems. And the question might take the form of “Where do I go from here?” or “I’ve got everything I thought I wanted; why aren’t I happy?”

With celebrities like Jodie Foster and Jon Stewart marveling at the fact that they're celebrating half a century (how can that be?), they seem to be giving voice to something millions of other baby boomers have experienced: After midlife, but before old age, what happens? In ***Finding Meaning, Facing Fears: In the Autumn***

of Your Years (Impact Publishers, 2012) Shapiro—a professor of counseling psychology who's on the far side of 70—offers a few things he's gleaned from four decades as a psychotherapist and extensive interviews and surveys for this book: about health and the aging body, spirituality and finding meaning, relationships, inevitable losses, and the fact that “It's not your father's retirement.” To the question “How old are you?” he answers, “It depends.” To go along with the chronological age that's simple enough to calculate, he offers some other theories of relativity for the aging individual: body age (injuries vs. being pain-free), psychological age (how well are you suited to your role as spouse, single person, parent?), social age (what's your community?), and functional age (how do you adapt?). Then there's relational age: how you see yourself amid your cohort. Boomers tend to think of themselves as in their 30s.

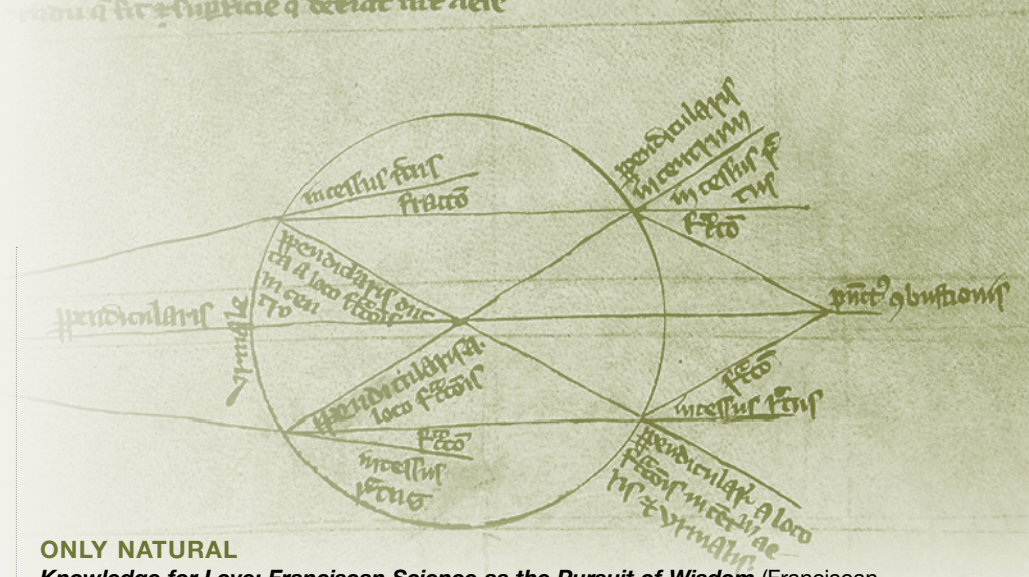
When Shapiro set out to write this book, his working title was *The Seventh-Inning Stretch*. Shapiro acknowledges that a major league baseball team probably won't ask him to help out on the mound this summer, despite the fact that he can still throw a mean fastball. He's written a book for those who plan on facing plenty of batters in the innings ahead. They're just not the same kind of hitters they could have taken on in their 20s. **SBS**



FRUIT AND FIBER

What brings people to religion and spiritual practice? Is it tradition, curiosity, a desire for fulfillment? And what does tending to the garden of faith bring them as individuals—whether

that garden happens to be Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, or other major traditions across cultures—and to society as a whole? Whew. Big questions, with many answers across different hardness zones. ***Religion, Spirituality, and Positive Psychology: Understanding the Psychological Fruits of Faith*** (Praeger/ABC-CLIO, 2012) sets out to offer a few of those answers, bringing together research and scholars from a bouquet of disciplines, to look at psychological and behavioral health, as well as physical and social problems.



ONLY NATURAL

Knowledge for Love: Franciscan Science as the Pursuit of Wisdom (Franciscan Institute Publications, 2012), by **Keith Douglass Warner, OFM**, is a book-length essay reclaiming the Franciscan tradition of scientific inquiry—lost for a time when Church leaders “did not successfully make the transition to the modern scientific paradigm.” From Roger Bacon’s study of the natural world and Bernardino de Sahagún’s investigation of the culture and worldview of the Aztec peoples, there’s the bridge to the present, where ecoliteracy, human dignity, and public health should be areas of concern. Among the questions Warner asks—not only rhetorically, but as a challenge: “Can we recognize the study of science and nature as a religious activity?” Along with lecturing at SCU in religious studies, Warner is director of education and research for the Center for Science, Technology, and Society, which has, among its modest goals, positively affecting the lives of 1 billion people by 2020. **SBS**

Thomas G. Plante is editor of this volume and contributes several chapters, including one on “Goodness.” Plante is the Augustin Cardinal Bea, S.J., University Professor of Psychology and director of the Spirituality and Health Institute. There are contributions from a sheaf of SCU colleagues as well: Professor of English **Diane E. Dreher** (“Vocation: Finding Joy and Meaning in Our Work”), Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology **David B. Feldman** (“Hope”), Senior Fellow in the Spirituality and Health Institute **Carl E. Thoresen** (“The Men’s Spirituality Group”), and a jointly written chapter by Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology **Shauna L. Shapiro** and counseling psychology grad **Megha Sahgal M.A.** ’11 (“Loving-Kindness”).

One example of the conclusions from data gathered: Since religious engagement encourages “clean living,” religious people are “less likely to engage in criminal behavior, marital infidelity, alcoholism, or unprotected sexual activity—as well as being more likely to engage in prosocial behaviors such as volunteerism and charity.” **SBS**



Inhuman Citizenship: Traumatic Enjoyment and Asian American Literature (University of Minnesota, 2012), by **Juliana Chang**, an associate professor of English, surveys a number of contemporary Asian-American fictions and examines, among other

elements, the contradictory impulse that comes into play with depictions of racism and suffering—where we're both appalled but exhilarated by them.



Museums of Seraphs in Torment: An Egyptological Fantasy Thriller

(CreateSpace, 2013), by **David Pinault**, pits a young Egyptologist against ancient mysteries and otherworldly visitors. The backdrop: from Cairo's Egyptian Museum to a mountaintop in Yemen to the American Southwest. Pinault is a professor of religious studies and the author of scholarly books on Arabic literature and religious rituals in South Asia.

IN THIS TOGETHER



CHARLES BARRY



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For folks retired but not at rest, **Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality** offers a way to do and be more.

Living a faith that does justice: Stan Fitzgerald, Cathy Parent, and Dan Korbel '63, M.A. '76

For more than 40 years **Dan Korbel '63, M.A. '76** taught English, coached baseball and basketball, counseled students, and handled the yearbook at James Lick High School in East San Jose. Of the 1,100 students at the high school today, three-quarters are Latino and most are immigrants. Many are poor, at least in terms of money.

When Korbel retired from teaching, though, his interest in community service took him right back to the school, where the principal welcomed his offer to work—as a volunteer—with students new to the United States. Korbel devoted time to calling students in and talking with them and their parents. Some of the conversations were about setting goals and making plans. “With the seniors, in particular, if they weren’t going to college—which was true for the majority of them—I’d encourage them to develop some marketable skills,” he says. Then he recounts how one of the kids he worked with came in just after he’d received news about a big scholarship “and was just walking on air.”

Korbel also found a program for himself—one in which his volunteer work could be built around a sense of community. Ultimately, the Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality would teach this longtime educator a few things. Companions was a young program for lay Catholics 50 years or older who were committed to volunteer ministries of service—and who were looking for a way to deepen their volunteer work with reflection and prayer. That sounded good to Korbel.

Of his work with students, Korbel says that Companions “moved it to a different level ... It also helped me as a husband, as a father, and as a friend. It’s a real growth experience.”

We can do that

The idea for Companions began with a story that **James Briggs** read in *Mission* magazine in 2005. At the time, Briggs was executive assistant to the president of the University. What caught his eye was a piece about the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, a national Jesuit service program for senior lay Catholics who want to give a year of their lives in service to those with special needs. *We could do that in the Bay Area*, Briggs thought.

He brought the idea to **Jeffrey Baerwald, S.J.**, an associate professor in SCU’s Department of Counseling Psychology. To make the idea reality, they worked with a quartet of organizers: **Susan Votaw M.A. '05**, a retired school principal; Anne Grycz, then director of the lay ministry formation program for the Diocese of San Jose; Mark Potter, who directs social ministries for the California Province of the Society of Jesus; and Bernie Purcell, a former lay parish minister and longtime friend of the University.

What developed was a multi-year program that was a natural fit for a university committed to educating the whole person and instilling in students, alumni, and friends the importance of being women and men for others. Companions became partners with SCU’s Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education and the Jesuit School of Theology, and it earned official endorsement from the Jesuits’ California Province.

Briggs stepped down from his position in SCU administration in 2010, after 22 years serving on the Mission Campus in various roles, to become executive director of the School of Applied Theology, in Berkeley. But he carries on his involvement with Companions as a member of its 10-person advisory board.

With 75 alumni, Ignatian Companions now has a regional director, **Jenny Girard Malley '91**, and communities in Santa Clara; in Berkeley, at the Jesuit School of Theology; and in San Francisco, at St. Agnes Parish. This summer marks the fifth anniversary of the program’s launch; a region-wide celebration is being held June 17 at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park.

The pause that refreshes

To foster the sense of community in the program, a typical Companions group consists of eight to 10 people, with monthly meetings.


One of those involved for the past few years is Cathy Parent of Sunnyvale. She worked in Catholic schools as both teacher and administrator. After retiring, she carried over her experience and skills as an educator to Reading Partners, a nonprofit organization that helps children from low-income families bring reading skills up to their grade levels.

Parent found tutoring kids at Robert Kennedy Elementary School in San Jose rewarding. She found out about Companions through Sunday Mass at Mission Santa Clara, where Fr. Baerwald

was presiding. The structured prayer and communal aspects of the program have helped sustain her in ways she wasn’t expecting, she says, particularly when her husband became ill.

Stan Fitzgerald of San Jose calls himself a “social justice junkie.” He retired after 38 years in corporate human resource management. His volunteer work includes helping at a Dayworker Center as well as helping at a family shelter and a Catholic Worker guest house for women. Volunteering, and working with SCU’s **Dan Germann, S.J.**, is what first brought him in touch with the University. “As soon as I heard about Companions being formed, I signed up,” he says.

Fitzgerald cites his Jesuit education as providing a grounding in Ignatian ideals. He describes the *Examen*, a method of reflection and meditation that is taught through part of the Companions program, as giving his spiritual life an immense boost: “the pause that refreshes.”

Not surprising, the sense of companionship is also key. “Being on a journey with people who have similar goals and aspirations,” Fitzgerald says, “is a joy and a delight.” 

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BY JESSE HAMLIN

Day One: Dance Dancer **David Popalisky** and a dozen of his students were twirling in the sand at San Francisco's Ocean Beach on a fog-chilled June morning, reaching skyward. They were performing a traditional Native American blessing dance with which they'd greet the new morning for the next 15 days as they walked across California—from the crashing waves of the Pacific through the vertiginous streets of San Francisco, gritty west Oakland and the bucolic East Bay hills, through the vast, hot Central Valley to the pine forests and glorious granite peaks of Yosemite.

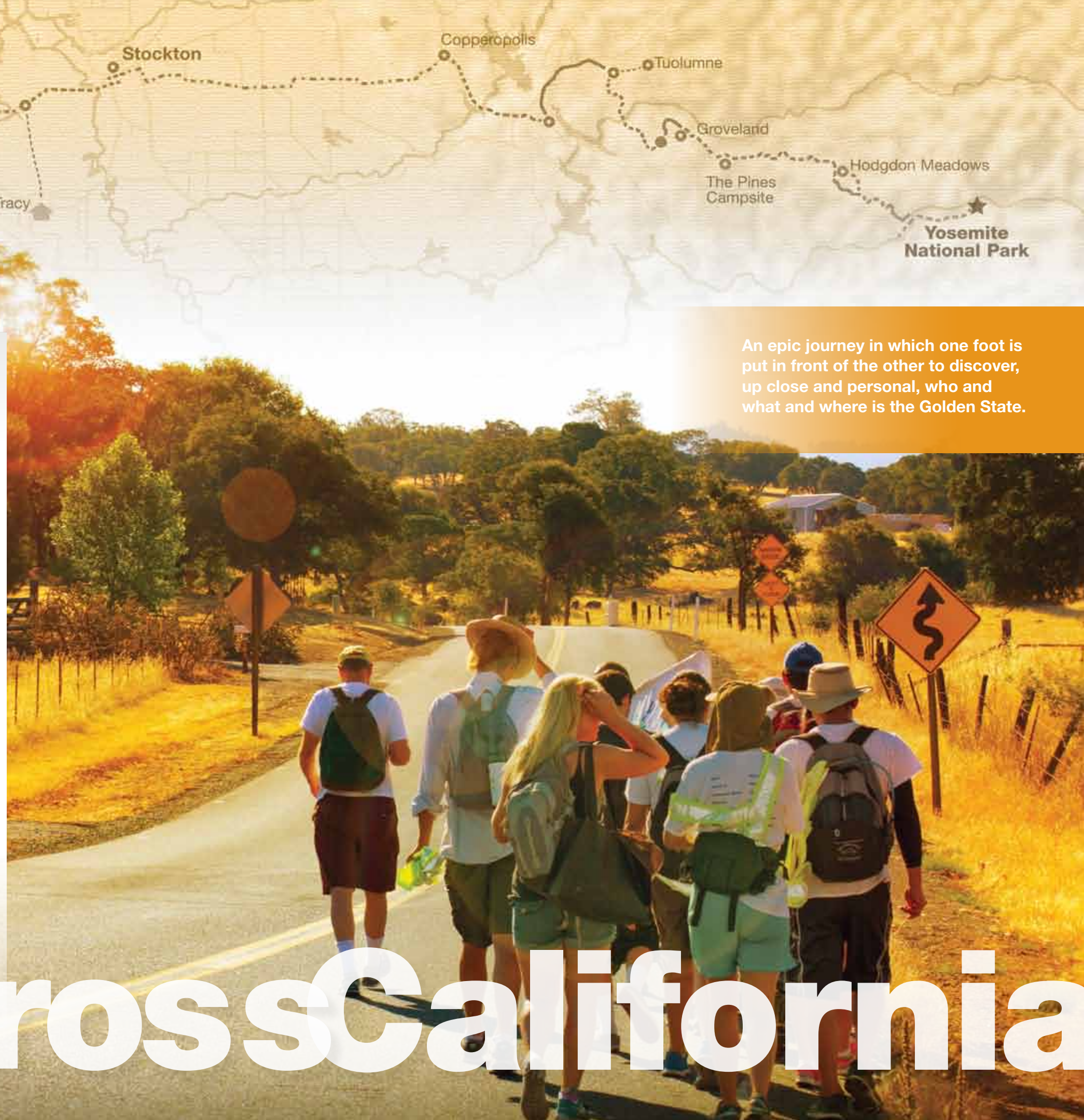
"I bless the space above me, I bless the space below me, and I bless the space within me," they chanted in unison, repeating the age-old phrases and steps that Popalisky, an associate professor of theatre and dance, taught to the SCU students who'd signed up for his one-of-a-kind spring 2012 course, Walk Across California. Popalisky spent nearly two years planning and raising money for a journey that gave students a singular firsthand experience of the Golden State's extraordinarily diverse cultures and environments.

"We welcome the adventure of this walk, whatever it may bring," said Popalisky, a 6-foot-3 sprite with vast reserves of enthusiasm, curiosity, and patience. He asked his fellow travelers what they wanted to bless as they embarked on the two-week trek that would bring them face to face with migrant farmworkers, Miwok Indian elders, the mother of a murdered Stockton boy, park rangers, politicians, ex-gang bangers, and graywater reclamation experts.

An epic journey in which one foot is put in front of the other to discover, up close and personal, who and what and where is the Golden State.

Photos by Robert Boscacci '14, Frederic Larson, and Edward Rooks. Illustrations by Edward Rooks.

Walk Across California



"I bless our feet," someone shouted.

"I bless the sky," someone else said.

"I bless the van I drive," chimed in **Edward Rooks**, cracking up the Santa Clarans circled in the sand with him. A gentlemanly naturalist and wildlife artist from Trinidad (and husband of SCU Professor of Biology **Janice Edgerly-Rooks**), Edward Rooks proved an invaluable member of the team, driving the white Toyota van stuffed with tents, food, and other supplies; teaching plein-air drawing and what it means to have a line of perspective; and identifying the various birds, bugs, and snakes that appeared along the way: red-tailed hawks and turkey vultures, red admiral butterflies and wood-boring beetles, garters and rattlers. Electrical engineering student **Russell Wetherley '13** later called him *Rooksus Edwardius* in a comic ode to the wise goateed chap who can survive in many climes but whose "preferred environment is an air-conditioned minivan along California highways."

The class satisfied two core SCU requirements that underscore the Jesuits' holistic vision and social activism: arts and experiential learning for social justice. Students kept a daily journal of encounters with the people and landscapes of California and, as a final project, produced a thoughtful, creative work that spoke to the story they'd just lived and taken in with all their senses as they hoofed 225 dusty miles.

Why do this? That was a question the walkers heard many times from folks they encountered along the way. In part, it was for fun and credit.

"Yosemite was in the description," said **Chris Lum '13**, a biology major from Hawaii. "I'm down for adventure."

The walkers weren't doing it to raise funds or awareness for a cause. It was



Garden and grocery:
Bringing fresh food and a sense of community to a part of Oakland that needs it

to try to get to know our home better. When folks along the way heard that, they wanted to share their stories.

Day Two: Footwear

Blisters. That's what you get when you walk 15 miles a day. The walkers, whose quarter-long preparation for this epic hike included 5-mile walks around the rose-scented Mission Campus and surrounding urban zones—as well as readings about Native Americans, food justice, and environmental sustainability, and the nature poetry of Kay Ryan and Wendell Berry—got plenty of blisters. Most of the blisters started on Day Two, after a day walking from Tilden Park to Mt. Diablo in 106-degree heat. In addition to the daily circle for the blessing dance, students gathered 'round for twice-daily foot-care sessions. That helped. But there's no escaping the sheer physicality of the walk.

"My feet are destroyed," **Julie Herman '14** said cheerfully a few days later. She's a biology major who writes poetry.

Along with the monumental question that Popalisky asked of the people they met—"What sustains you?"—there were elemental questions that had to be answered frequently: Is my water bottle filled? Is that a shade tree?

Robert Boscacci '14, a communications major, took photographs and wrote poems about the people and landscapes: There's the curly-haired urban farmer Max Cadji of the People's Grocery in Oakland, where the Santa Clarans hiked on Day One after riding BART under the bay; the spaghetti they cooked that night in Berkeley's Tilden Park; the spectacular sunset the following evening on Mt. Diablo. Boscacci rigged a "Lawrence of Arabia" hat flap with a small white towel to shield the back of his neck from the blazing sun. And he swapped images and words along the way with poet and essayist **Rebekah Bloyd**, a lecturer in creative writing who served as chaperone and descriptive writing coach. The whole group wrote portraits of places and people along the way—describing who and what they were now, and trying to imagine what they would be and do in the future. Stopping for lunch in a meadow near Marsh Creek Springs (hard-boiled eggs and peanut butter and jelly), the students composed a group haiku that Bloyd jotted in her notebook:

*Nearby stream chortles
Cool water passes on rock
Destination ahead*



Run, don't walk: Catherine Borst '14 has a spring in her step as the journey begins at Ocean Beach.

That evening, the destination was the farm of Kim and Matt Scarlata, who raise organic tomatoes: Purple Cherokee and Berkeley Tie-Dye, as well as a variety named for their daughter, Maddie Rose. There aren't as many farms in the area as there used to be. At a dinner the Scarlatas hosted, one neighbor talked about how hard it is for farmers to turn down big offers to buy them out.

This is part of California's story, too. It was a clear night and the walkers slept on the Scarlatas' lawn, sleeping bags drawn in a circle under the open sky and the shooting stars.

Day Five: Asparagus, Bankruptcy, Communion

After a grueling stretch along Highway 4, they came into Stockton single file in their lime-and-silver safety vests, walking the shoulder of a road littered with broken bottles and dead rodents and raccoons, while big rigs roared past. The route into town took the group past piles of human waste near a homeless camp along a graffiti-scrawled highway overpass. A few blocks farther along, they saw the bullet hole in a

downtown building where a teenager had been shot to death. A police car was circling the block, and the cop stopped to ask what they were up to—and to make sure they understood they were heading for a perilous place. Its murder, foreclosure, and unemployment rates make Stockton one of the most troubled cities in the country.

But these walkers were not lost. They were on their way to meet the wired-up St. Francis of Stockton, Father Dean McFalls, who shepherded them around town. He is a kinetic 57-year-old dervish of a priest with close-cut, salt-and-pepper hair who ministers to the poor and homeless people in his predominantly Spanish-speaking parish at St. Mary's Church, a run-down Gothic red brick building where multitasking Fr. Dean, clad in a brilliant spring green robe, juggles calls on multiple cell phones during Mass while someone else is giving a benediction. Fr. Dean took the Santa Clarans on a nonstop tour of Stockton that began in City Hall with Stockton Mayor Ann Johnston, who asked energetically, "Why don't you tell me where you've been? Real quick!" In retrospect, the encounter was understandably brief: Johnston was dashing off to a city

What does it mean to be open?
What can be opened? What are
the opened things we've seen?

Meadow song:
Robert Boscacci '14
and a borrowed violin

council meeting whose import was felt around the country. A few days later, Stockton officially became the largest city in the nation to declare bankruptcy.

In the park across the street, they met a woman whose son was killed by the police and was holding a one-woman Occupy protest. Then along came a remarkable young man named Michael Tubbs, a recent Stanford graduate who'd grown up in Stockton's crime-ridden housing projects and had come home to run for city council. (He made national news when Oprah Winfrey gave his campaign \$10,000; in the November election, he won.) Tubbs stood next to the bronze of Martin Luther King Jr. and talked about children dying in Stockton "because they were born into poverty," friends and family members of his who'd been killed, and how "it takes courage to come here. So thanks." He spoke of the privilege of going to college and the responsibility that comes with that education. "The question is how to bring purpose to that privilege. What are you going to do with it?"

That question lingered as the group listened to Mexican-American farmworkers and labor organizers talk of backbreaking work and of family, dignity, and justice. Francisco Aguilar, a retired farmworker who moved to the Central Valley from Guadalajara when he was 14, demonstrated the punishing work of cutting asparagus and beets, which he once did 10 hours a day for \$14. The pesticides he was exposed to in the fields gave him leukemia, he said without self-pity.

"I passed through many things, but I survived," he said. "If you fall down, get up, keep going. You can do anything you want."

Like most of the others, Boscacci had never met a fellow like "Don Francisco," as he took to calling Aguilar.

"I was moved by his story, and hope to spread it," said the aspiring filmmaker, who found the entire Stockton experience sobering. "I've always lived in low-crime, friendly communities," he said. But here, "the things we read in textbooks in history and social justice-themed classes are jumping off the pages and speaking to me live in the flesh. And that's a fantastic learning experience."

It was an illuminating and exhausting day: Along with everything else, there was Mass in the parish church—where the group met a second mother whose son had been killed. There was a Mexican feast at the community cultural center provided by volunteers whose welcoming generosity moved the students. And there was a second Mass, at sunset, conducted in a field by the river at a migrant workers' camp.

Something about the experience of walking, constantly, changes your body's chemistry, Fr. Dean told the group, when he later thanked them again for making the journey to the place he calls home. Walking is something he knows; he once spent three years walking to Israel. "It really plants you with the earth," he said.

Days Six and Seven: In the morning, Popalisky and company got a lift to the Stockton city limits, where they climbed onto rented bikes and rode 26 miles to the historic mining town of

Copperopolis, pedaling a pastoral stretch of Highway 4 past walnut groves, cornfields, and a Hereford bull breeding ranch, huffing up and coasting down the rolling foothills. Being out in the open again figured into questions that Bloyd asked the students later: *What does it mean to be open? What can be opened? What are the opened things we've seen?* Doors, blossoms, the sky, the self.

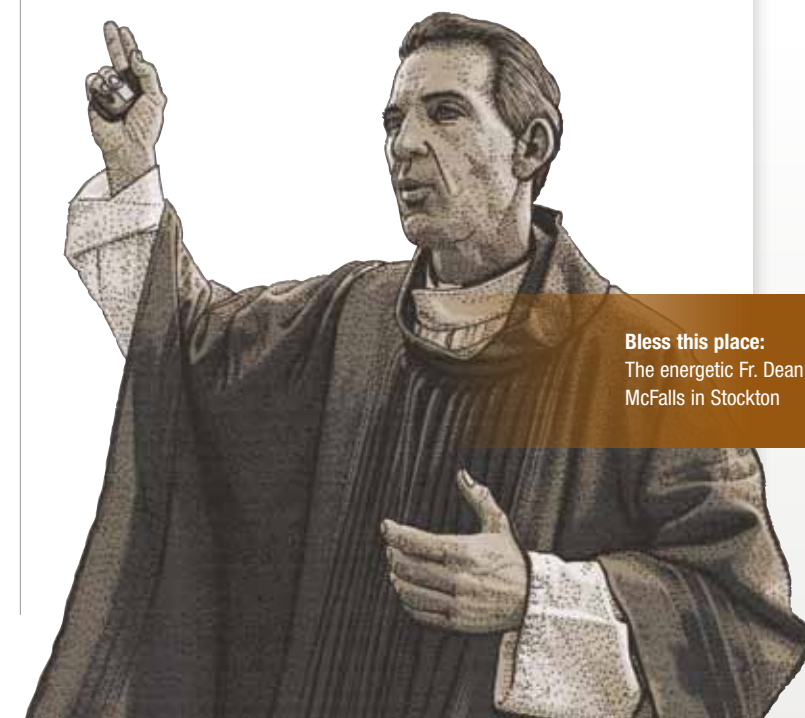
Far from the bleak streets of Stockton, they swam at a Copperopolis resort and slept on the lawn of the Thomas Kinkadee-like town center, where **Catherine Borst '14**, a mechanical engineering student who's a fine violinist, jammed with a local guitarist, and Chris Lum performed a dance with iridescent LED gloves.

On the road to Lake Tulloch the following day, Edward Rooks pointed out an osprey nest atop a phone pole. A few miles on, they came across an organic community garden run by a bearded bear of a man who invited them to pick some fruit and eat it, gratis.

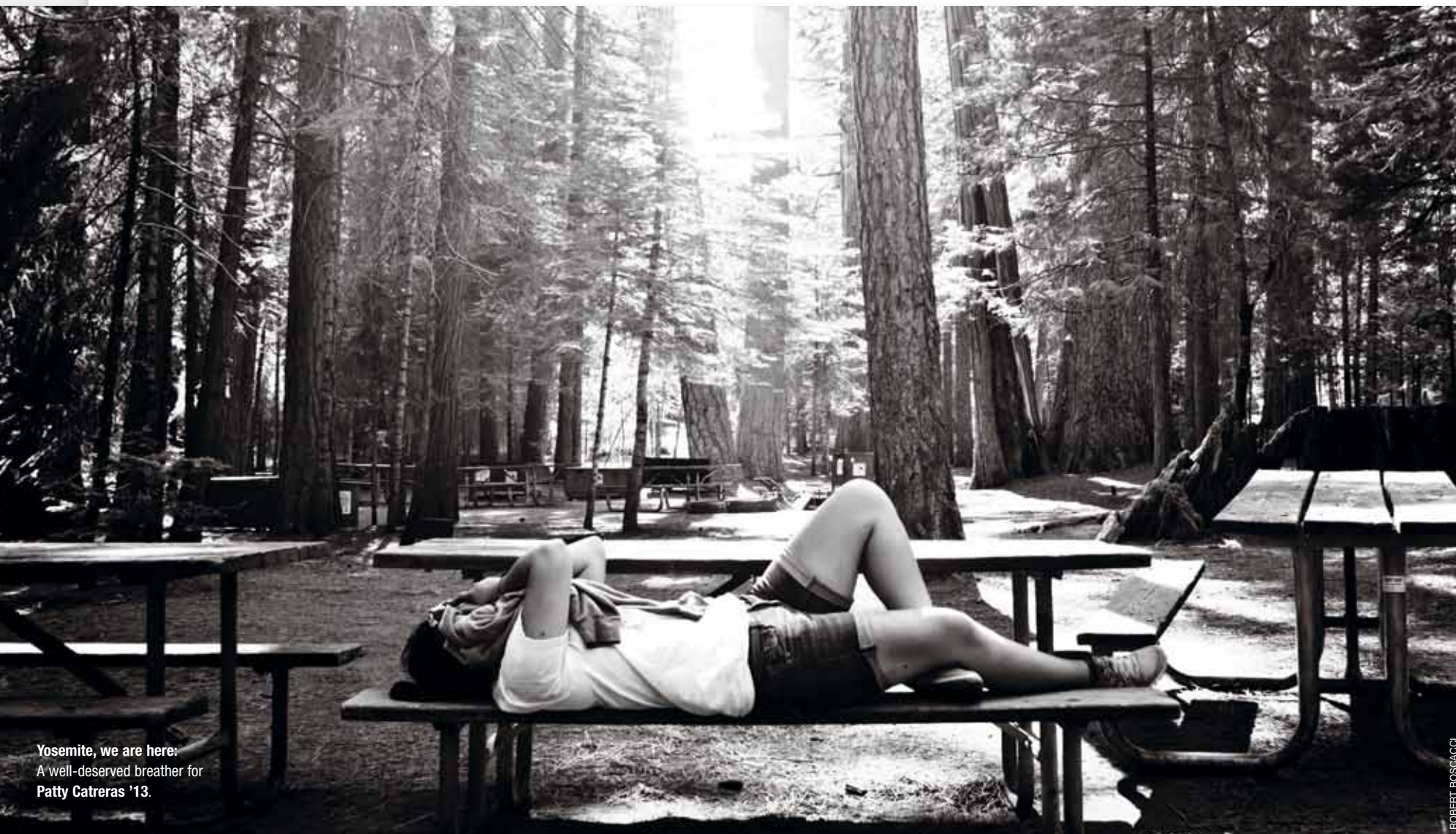
"I expected to see a lot of things I'd never seen before," Borst said, "and lo and behold, I'm seeing lots of things I've never seen before, like a guy in the middle of pretty much nowhere asking us to eat some strawberries."

She, too, was stirred by what she'd seen in Stockton.

"It was saddening and inspiring at the same time," she said.



Bless this place:
The energetic Fr. Dean
McFalls in Stockton



Yosemite, we are here:
A well-deserved breather for
Patty Catreras '13.

ROBERT BOSGACCI

Day Seven:
**“You guys sang
the whole way,
right?”**

Tuolumne Miwok tribe that has lived on these oak-rich lands for millennia. A genial man who likes to laugh—“You guys sang the whole way, right?” he asked the tired trekkers—Geisdorff brought an air-conditioned bus from the tribe’s income-generating Black Oak Casino to ferry the group up to the wooded 200-acre “rez,” as he calls his ancestral land.

In fact, they *were* singing, sometimes. They also came up with other words for what they were doing: sweating, sitting, sliding, laughing, stumbling, persevering, staggering, swinging across, rapping, slogging, striding, moving,

Near the junction to the Gold Country village of Jamestown, the Santa Clarans were greeted by Carlos Geisdorff, a round, sturdy man with a long black braid and a trim goatee. He’s the cultural coordinator for the

stomping, noticing, meandering, limping, caravanning, struggling, mincing, dancing.

Geisdorff, 36, was born in the East Bay town of Pittsburg, but his grandmother was born in a shack on the reservation where he now lives with his wife, four daughters, and 200 others. He has been teaching Miwok kids to speak their largely forgotten native language and developing ways to write it. Popalisky had come to visit while mapping out the trip. Intrigued by the class, Geisdorff invited the group to camp overnight and share a meal and some Miwok songs. The group was allowed to enter the round house and taught the right way to come and go from that sacred structure. One rule: leave the “madness” of the world outside.

“What they’re doing is cool,” Geisdorff told me. “They’re doing what Indians have been doing forever—walking a trail.”

The group learned Miwok blessings and laughing songs. Phyllis Montgomery, a 78-year-old tribal elder, painted

a vivid picture of life on the land where she and her 12 siblings grew up. She talked about surviving mostly on what nature provided, learning to gut a deer, to gather mushrooms, and to grind *nupa*, or acorns, for biscuits.

“It was a hard life, but not brutal hard,” said the spry elder, who expressed wonder and thanks that she’d lived long enough to see Miwok kids graduating from college. Then she served up some ancient wisdom: “If you take care of Mother Nature, she’ll take care of you. Whenever you’re out there, don’t take more than you can use.”

You couldn’t ask for a more succinct description of environmental sustainability. That’s what the Santa Clarans were talking about the next day after saying so long to Geisdorff, who’d joined them in the morning circle blessing (Popalisky lit the ceremonial stick, wrapped in medicinal mugwort leaves, presented to the group as a parting gift). Geisdorff said, “I hope the Creator blesses you in your journeys.”

They ascended into the Sierras to Groveland, where they dug into graywater reclamation issues with Regina Hirsch of the Mountain Sage Nursery. A day off to chill, then onward to Yosemite. As they approached the valley in the days to come, they saw and smelled a California Sister butterfly, pearly everlasting flowers, incense cedar, and purple lupine.



Walking a trail:
Carl Geisdorff of the
Tuolumne Miwok

EDWARD ROOKS



Buckeye on buckeye:
These winged and petaled
Californians share a name.



Moonshadow:
Bedtime in the Stanislaus
National Forest

Arrival:
**“It will change
your life.”**

panorama visible from Half Dome, which he’d just climbed with **Diana Bustos ’10**, a recent grad who studied arts and urban education, and who shared the chaperoning duties and doubled as videographer. They were getting hugs and high-fives from their traveling buds, who’d spent the past two days in Yosemite Valley exploring on their own.

Late the next afternoon, with Half Dome in the distance and sun flickering through golden aspen leaves, Wetherley performed his Walk Across California poems, including a potent ode to Stockton. **Olivia Li ’15**, a business major, read a poem about graffiti she’d seen in west Oakland—told from the point of view of the ghetto kids who’d written it—and another about generosity.

“If you want to do something challenging, take this class,” Li said later that evening, when the class gathered one last time before Lum lit up Curry Village with his swirling gloves.

Wetherley agreed: “It will change your life.” He also acknowledged that when he first read about the course, it sounded like a hippie class. But, he said, weeks and hundreds of miles later, “This is as real as it gets.”

Borst conveyed those feelings, as well as the exhilarating swing of walking and the reverence that Yosemite inspires, in the soulful violin improvisation she performed along the Merced as a family of mergansers floated past. Environmental sciences major **Ian McCluskey ’15**, a veteran camper and hiker, offered an evocative and funny

“It’s the most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen,” said strapping Russell Wetherley. A member of SCU’s varsity crew team, he was describing the vast


rap on the journey. Popalisky also sang, with dramatic flair, a delightful Walk Across California song, which touched warmly on everyone in the group. “Together we did it,” he concluded, “we blessed this space.”

What else did they do? They learned, as Boscacci said, how to move at what seems a snail’s pace—“which is really our natural pace.” They learned, as Borst said, many small things: how to get blisters on new parts of your feet, and the quantity of rocks and road kill between San Francisco and Yosemite. They learned, as Bloyd said, how little time it took to be outdoors for hours each day and see that manifested on one’s skin—“because the body has its memory.” And, she said, “I was doing this supposedly incredible thing. But what was incredible was the place around me, and that dwarfed my tiny steps. And I felt that many times.”

There, at the culmination of the journey, Popalisky teared up.

“They did everything I could’ve hoped for,” he said. “They spoke with confidence and love, and expressed things they discovered about themselves and about this great state.”

They also cultivated a sense of wonder and caught stories they never could have imagined. Many have recognized that it has changed them profoundly, though exactly *how* is something still unfolding.

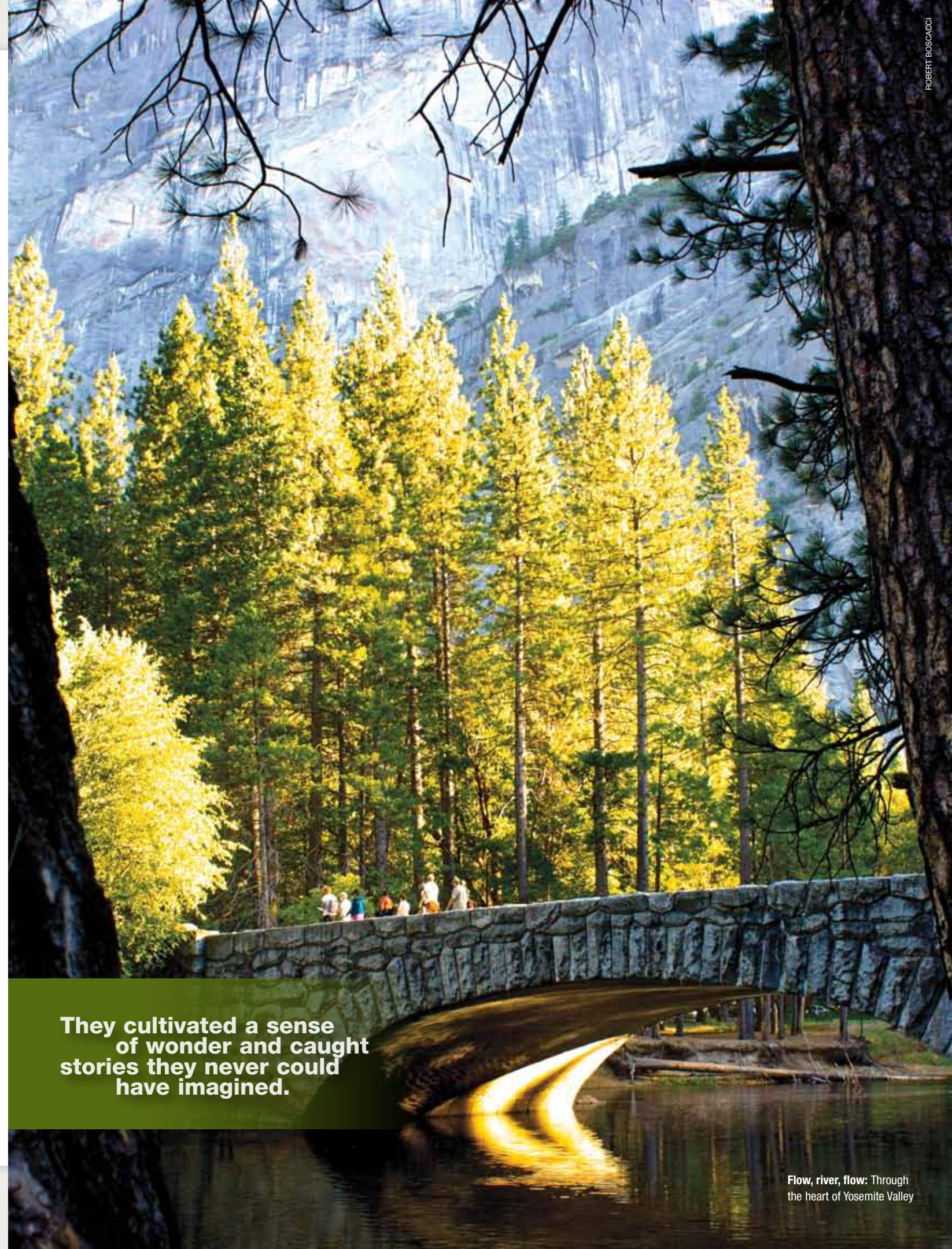
Would they do it again? Someone will. Another Walk Across California is planned for 2014. 



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**They cultivated a sense
of wonder and caught
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Flow, river, flow: Through
the heart of Yosemite Valley



MILLER'S TALE

To tell the story of Bob Miller '67 is to tell the coming-of-age tale of Las Vegas itself. And it's the chronicle of a man who served a decade as governor of Nevada. Quite a journey for the son of an illegal bookie from Chicago.

BY STEVEN BOYD SAUM

The newspaper article could have derailed a political career. Certainly it was meant to do that. The headline: "Nevada Official Vouched for Man Linked to Mobsters." The subject: **Bob Miller '67**, lieutenant governor of Nevada, and a letter he'd once written on behalf of Carl Thomas, a casino employee who had once worked for Miller's late father and, later, was convicted of skimming profits at another casino for the mob.

The piece ran in the *San Jose Mercury News* in September 1988, and it tarnished both Miller and Nevada Gov. Dick Bryan, who was running for U.S. Senate. These were high stakes, no question; if Bryan won that race, Miller would become governor. But the accusations and insinuations were things Miller had already dealt with for years. After all, Bob Miller's father, Ross, had once been an illegal bookmaker in Chicago who came to Las Vegas in the 1950s and, in the city of second chances, worked his way up through the casino business.

That element of family history is the origin of the title for Miller's just-published autobiography, *Son of a Gambling Man*. This is a personal tale: about family and hopes and dreams that parents have for their kids, of giving opportunities to future generations that you never had. What makes it epic, though, is that it's a tale of a city—Vegas and how it was transformed, from a dusty railroad stop where the Teamsters provided the cash to build casinos, to neon-illuminated Sin City, and then transformed once more into a bedazzling metropolis that earned it a new moniker in the 1990s: the All-American City, as *Time* magazine declared.

A policy tome or chronicle of statecraft this Miller's tale is not. Bob Miller has given the book the subtitle *My Journey from a Casino Family to the Governor's Mansion*. He opens with the tale of the newspaper piece meant to run the Bryan campaign off the rails. And, as the tale unfolds, it reveals that some of those mobsters whom Miller was supposedly "linked to" in wiretaps were underworld characters who include Anthony "The Ant" Spilotro and others who inspired Martin Scorsese's movie *Casino*.

So, what were these links? And how was Bob Miller's father's past drawn into the present? To answer that, let's fill in the picture a bit.

GOVERNOR BOB

First, some here and now: Bob Miller stands six-foot-four and carries himself with an easy confidence; he doesn't have a lot to prove. In a dark pin-striped suit, he's well dressed for the part of governor emeritus. On a sunny Thursday afternoon in February we eat lunch in the Wynn Hotel on the Strip, and a couple of folks in upper management stop by the table to say hello. There is no mistaking Governor Bob; after all, he held the top office in the state for a decade. And there's no mistaking that he's played well the interesting cards that he's been dealt in life.

At Santa Clara, Miller studied political science. It was a good preparation for law school, but his real political education began when he ran for office the first time and his opponents put someone else on the ballot with the same name as him.

He had been appointed justice of the peace and was up for re-election. "About an hour before the close of filing, the clerk called and said, 'Hey, you know, we have two Robert Millers on the ballot,'" Miller says. He rushed over to the clerk's office and, not exactly sure what to do, changed his filing from Robert to Bob. "Later I found out that a couple of my opponents, independent of each other, had called

No mirage: Miller took office as governor in 1989, the same year the Vegas boom began



This is a personal tale: about family and hopes and dreams that parents have for their kids, of giving opportunities to future generations that you never had.

every Robert Miller in the phone book” trying to get them to run. They got a taker in a baggage clerk at the airport; then they sent that man on vacation with some newfound cash.

Miller’s campaign went to the press with this story of political hijinks. The campaign plastered new Bob stickers over its billboards and signs. It worked. And from there on out, whatever office he ran for—district attorney for Clark County, lieutenant governor of Nevada, and governor—it would be as Bob Miller.

FROM BOOKIE TO THE RIV

The casino industry in Las Vegas didn’t get built in the 1950s and 1960s by folks who had gaming experience in a legal jurisdiction. “There wasn’t any,” Miller says. “For Las Vegas to grow, you had to have people who had experience, and they all came from someplace where it was illegal. My father was among those.”

His father, Ross Miller, came to Nevada from Chicago, where he owned a bar called the Silver Palm, also home to a bookmaking operation. He was offered the chance to buy some points—to become a small-time

investor—in the first Las Vegas high-rise, the Riviera Hotel. The family moved west in 1955. At the time, financing for the Riv and the rest of the nascent casino industry came from unconventional sources—mainly the Teamsters pension fund.

Ross Miller worked his way up from pit boss to casino manager and ultimately chairman of the board of the Riviera. He partnered with Jay Sarno to open Circus Circus in the late 1960s. After that was sold, he later owned another small casino, the Slots-A-Fun.

It was a time of transition, when the basic attitude of local law enforcement was: *Whatever you were, here you stay clean*. Deals were sealed with a handshake. “He lived in a world where your word was your bond,” Bob Miller says of his father. “If you said it, you did it, period.”

That rule applied in business. And it held with a promise that Ross Miller made to the Catholic priest who performed his wedding ceremony: to raise his children Catholic.

Ross Miller also wanted a very different life for his son than the one he’d led: son of a coal miner who died

when he was a teenager. Bob Miller would be the first in his family to go to college; his father wanted him to go to law school as well. “He did not want me in the gaming industry at all,” Miller says.

But he did allow his teenage son to take a job as lifeguard at the Riviera pool. Which yields a few stories in Miller’s memoir, including a pair of encounters with young songstress Barbra Streisand, then opening for Liberace at the Riv. Young and in love, she and husband Elliott Gould caused some consternation with their poolside displays of affection. “So we were having to tell them, ‘Please, if you’re going to be kissing and doing these things, go to your room.’”

GOING CORPORATE

Ross Miller seldom made it to his son’s basketball games; he was usually working. Graduations were a different matter. In May ’67, Bob Miller’s parents came to Santa Clara for commencement. It was a thrilling but precarious time; earlier that spring, Ross Miller and other part-owners of the Riviera were indicted following a federal investigation

of skimming casino profits. Cooperating with the feds was Nevada’s new governor, **Paul Laxalt ’44**—who had attended Santa Clara for three years, and who delivered the commencement address that year.

Charges against Ross Miller were ultimately dropped. And it was Laxalt who signed into law Nevada’s Corporate Gaming Act, which would open up Las Vegas to the kind of major capital investment that the Teamsters couldn’t muster. It was “part of Laxalt’s strategy to push the mob out of Vegas casinos,” Miller writes.

That corporate investment began in earnest in 1973 with Kirk Kerkorian’s MGM Grand Las Vegas. Development boomed with investor Steve Wynn’s properties beginning in 1989, just as Bob Miller took office as governor.

Ross Miller didn’t live to see the corporate transformation of Las Vegas or his son elected to office. He died shortly before Bob Miller was appointed justice of the peace. “I can’t even imagine what he would have thought about me being governor,” Miller says.

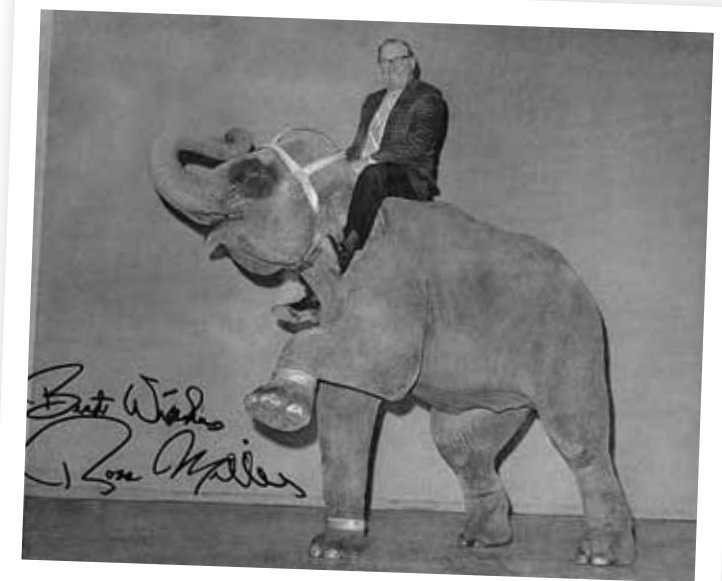
When Miller ran for district attorney of Clark County, his mother was still alive, however; and she was used in the campaign against him. The question: How could Bob Miller be trusted as D.A. to deal with the gaming industry when his mother was a gambler?

“My mother never played anything,” Miller says. “A

sweet, little Irish lady, went to Mass every day.” But she had inherited her husband’s interest in the Slots-A-Fun casino.

At that point, Miller already had experience as an attorney for the sheriff’s office and for the D.A.’s office. That proved more important in the race for district attorney, which he won. As D.A., he established himself as a strong advocate for victims’ rights. He was one of two Democrats appointed to President Ronald Reagan’s National Task Force on Victims of Crime; through that he formed a friendship with John Walsh, who had begun campaigning to change federal laws on missing children after his son Adam was kidnapped in Florida. Walsh later became known to millions of Americans through hosting the television program *America’s Most Wanted*.

Miller also served as president of the National District Attorneys Association. He persuaded the organization to back the Missing Children Act, which Reagan signed into law. He also convinced the association to bring its annual convention back to Nevada. After a New York attorney had double-dipped on travel funds for a convention in Las Vegas, the association had put the kibosh on further meetings in the Silver State. “As if Nevada was somehow



Circus Circus: Ross Miller helped usher in a new era of showmanship on The Strip.

responsible,” Miller says. Miller tried to change perceptions: “You know, we actually have Little League, we have movie theaters, we have schools, we have PTA.”

TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES

The new D.A. also had to reckon once more with the fact that the past isn't really past. Shortly after Miller had become D.A., it was disclosed that federal wiretaps revealed that Carl Thomas was helping organized crime figures in Kansas City skim money from the Tropicana and the Stardust. In one wiretap, Thomas mentioned having breakfast with Bob Miller. It was a bit of name-dropping, followed by Thomas acknowledging that Miller was a “stand-up kid” and not to be bought.

True, Miller knew Thomas, who had worked for Ross Miller and made his way up through the ranks of the gaming world. After Ross Miller's death, Thomas had gone out of his way to help his widow, stopping by the house to check on her every day. But he also, apparently, got involved with the skim.

More to it: “You know, we actually have Little League, we have movie theaters, we have schools, we have PTA.”

“When all these tapes came out, even the governor and others, the gaming regulars, everybody was shocked,” Miller says.

Thomas was convicted in two cases but offered testimony against others to have his prison time reduced. During sentencing, his legal defense team approached Miller, asking him to write a letter, in private, on Thomas' behalf—“just outlining the person, the side of him that I knew.” Political advisors told Miller not to do it. “But I thought, you know, he's done some really bad things. He's going to have to pay for them, but I can't turn my back on my dad's friend and a person who cared for my mom completely.”

September 1988. Nevada Lt. Gov. Bob Miller gets a call from a Washington-based reporter asking about the letter from years before. What prompted the call? Likely some encouragement from Sen. Chic Hecht, who was running for re-election against Dick Bryan, then Nevada's governor. “I made the foolish mistake of initially denying that I had written the letter,” Miller says.

But he soon owned up to it. And he turned to

law enforcement to vouch for him: sheriffs, district attorneys, and a lawyer who'd served on Department of Justice crime strike forces in Detroit and Las Vegas. That carried more weight in the campaign. In January 1989, Bryan took office as senator, and Bob Miller became governor of Nevada.

TREASURE ISLAND

In 1973, Bob Miller wed Sandy Searles, an educator for the deaf who had grown up in southern Nevada. When Miller offered his first State of the State Address, he came out of the gate with an initiative that hit very close to home: improve education by reducing the number of students per class in early grades. Where would the money come from? For starters, Miller took on the mining industry. The PR slogan for the industry at the time was “Mining. It works for Nevada.” The punch line of Miller's first big speech as governor: “Well, it is not working hard enough!”

By telling of his journey to the governor's mansion, *Son of a Gambling Man* isn't focused on Miller's achievements as governor. Though it does recount the unrest in Las Vegas following the verdict in the Rodney King case in Los Angeles, and how peace was restored.

There's also the inauguration of the boom era in Las Vegas that has forever changed the face of the city and the way the world sees it: mega-resorts the Mirage (complete with a volcano and dolphins), Treasure Island, the Bellagio, the Excalibur, Luxor—“they all came along during the 10 years I was governor.”

During the 1992 presidential election, Miller was one of the first governors to sign on supporting his fellow Democrat from Arkansas, Bill Clinton. During the Clinton presidency, Miller headed the National Governors Association. And Clinton provides a foreword for Miller's book. When Miller completed his second term as governor, he was courted as a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Miller decided to pass. He *was* interested when his name was floated for consideration as the next U.S. ambassador to Mexico. But the head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Jesse Helms, blocked that. Why? A call from a onetime Nevada colleague, Chic Hecht, who had been defeated in 1988 because of Bob Miller.

RINGS TRUE

Since serving as governor, Miller has been involved with trade and tourism projects that have taken him to Bulgaria, the Republic of Georgia, and Siberia—working with Mikhail Gorbachev as co-chairman on the Russian Heritage Highway. It's his son, Ross James

Miller, who is in politics these days, serving as Nevada's secretary of state.


Bob Miller is on corporate boards and runs R.J. Miller Consulting. “And I'll keep trying to improve at golf, which is probably a lost cause,” he says.

But golf also has something to do with a ring (along with a wedding band) that Miller wears. The ring depicts the state of Nevada, a golfer, and the sword of the American Cancer Society—and it's the logo from a golf tournament that Miller has held for a quarter century in memory of his father. Both of his parents died of cancer.

Miller notes that Bob Hope once played in the tournament—and that Hope had a locker near his father's at a country club in Palm Springs for a few years. That club figures into the memoir, in fact: When Ross Miller was applying, one of the members—actor Randolph Scott—objected to the notion of some Vegas character being allowed to join. In the end, the other members offered Scott a choice: “If you don't like it, you can quit.”

Since Ross Miller never lived to see his son elected to office, I wonder, is there anything the son would want to say to the father?

“I get a little emotional,” Miller says. He set out to tell a personal tale in his book, and that comes home in this moment. We've been talking a long time, and here his voice shakes. “I'd like to tell him I hope he's proud of me.”

That's a safe bet. 

SANTA CLARA YEARS

First-person stories of being a student in the '60s—and dad of a grad in 2012.

One of two Nevadans in his class: There were those, particularly my first roommate from Omaha, who thought I must be a heathen because I was from Las Vegas. But over a period of time, as people got to know me, they would recognize, “Oh, he's just a normal person.”

What to study? I didn't have a game plan. I certainly didn't think I was going into politics. As I went through orientation, I had this kind of glamorized vision: I'm going to be a business person of great esteem, and I'll probably speak French at cocktail parties and talk about the latest artworks. I majored in economics, but my grades were up and down. Finally, during my junior year, I realized this wasn't going to work. I had done well in political science classes, so I changed majors. I had a pretty good LSAT score, otherwise I probably wouldn't have gotten into law school then. My daughter **Megan Miller '12** is in law school now, having graduated from Santa Clara last year, but she graduated *magna cum laude*. I graduated “You're finally done, goodbye.”

Vegas road trip: Dave Hickey '67 and a couple other friends from the Midwest came with me to Las Vegas during one of the school breaks. We went in the afternoon to a burlesque-type show. There weren't a lot of people there, and we were sitting kind of in the front. They hadn't really checked our IDs like they should have. They got to the feature act, and they said, “The beautiful, the lovely, Francine!” This gorgeous, 5-foot, 9-inch brunette walked out wearing partial clothing. I leaned over to Dave and the other fellows with me, and I said, “That was my date to the senior ball in high school.” They're thinking, “Yeah, right—there's no way he could have been dating this girl.” Shortly into the number, the lighting changed, and she could see down into the audience. She stopped and looked at me and said, “Oh, Bobby, hi!” It was a shock to me and to them, and probably to her as well. Though at that time in Las Vegas, a lot of girls went into dancing, because the showrooms had a lot of chorus lines and the like, and a lot of guys went into the casino business.

The legendary 1991 SCU Law commencement address: I gave a relatively short speech, which ended with a paraphrase of a speech by Clarence Darrow, consisting exclusively of, “Survive, survive, survive,”—at which point I went and sat down. The Chancellor looked over to Father President and said, “Is he done?” Later he told me, “I'll always remember three speeches. Rose Bird, because she spoke for an hour and a half in sweltering heat. Warren Burger, because he was then Chief Justice of the United States. And you.”



Proud parents:
Ross and Coletta Miller

Blood. Sweat. Tears. Repeat.



She was a tough enough cop to pass the test for the LAPD's SWAT team. Then she learned the hard way about gender discrimination. So how did she do on *Survivor*?

Here was the game plan:

Lay low. You're an executive secretary out of her element, Nina. Why, of course you'll help out where you can and do your best for the group. Drift behind the strivers and Machiavellians that flock to that reality television show of shows, Survivor ... be a team player ... and do your best to hide the fact that there is something more to this gal who works in education administration ...

BY JEFF GIRE

For **Nina Acosta '82**, that was the plot. It looked like a great idea: She was soft-spoken, polite, and entirely overlooked at first by the other contestants on the reality show. But, as is the case with so many of our intricate stratagems, a two-story fall into a cargo net changed everything.

The leap was part of the Immunity Challenge—the first physical test in season 24 of *Survivor*. Jumping from a raised platform, the contestants landed in a rope net before tackling an obstacle course. The fall jarred bodies. One contestant let her arms take the impact and broke her forearm in two places, forcing her to drop out of the competition. When Acosta landed, her torso whipped to the left and her head slammed into the ropes.

It was impossible not to see this and assume the worst. *Concussion? A broken jaw?*

Acosta was spitting blood but sprang up almost immediately, clambered over the rest of the netting, and darted through the course. Afterward, her fellow islanders gasped at her swollen eyebrow and lip, half of her face super-villain distorted by the fall.

"It definitely hurt," she admits. At the same time, she says, "It looked a lot worse" than it was. "But it hurt pretty bad."

Other contestants grew wary: Acosta was in triathlon shape and had just laughed off a two-story face-plant.

Who *was* this woman?

Detour ahead

An 18-year-old Nina Greteman came to Santa Clara from San Gabriel, just east of Los Angeles, in the fall of 1978. She was one of the first women to receive an athletic scholarship following Title IX. She had always played sports, and her hustle and flow on the basketball court brought offers from Arizona State and San Diego State as well as SCU.

"I chose SCU after visiting campus," she recalls. "Everything was nice, quaint, and I was born and raised Catholic, so going to a Jesuit university made my parents happy."

What *she* cared about was basketball. She was also asked to play varsity volleyball—so she did. On the maplewood, she thrived. By her sophomore year, she was starting point guard for the Broncos. Until she suffered an injury that would make the *Survivor* cargo net fall look like a hangnail.

During a game with St. Mary's, Acosta suffered a compound fracture of both her tibia and fibula. It was



LAPD: She joined in 1983 and served in the elite Metro Division.

a gruesome leg injury that required a cast "from toe to hip" and two surgeries, nearly two years of healing, and treatments from Dr. Michael Dillingham, the same sports surgeon who operated on football quarterback Joe Montana.

"I did learn a lot from that,"

Acosta acknowledges. The injury put her in the hospital for weeks and made it difficult to get around. She had to drop one class and was on the verge of failing political science. But her professor, **Eric Hanson**, met with her on her dorm steps to talk with her regularly. "Once I broke my leg, I realized I have this tremendous opportunity to get a fantastic education. I became a better person, a lot less self-absorbed."

Acosta got involved in campus ministry and worked with kids whose parents were incarcerated. She graduated with a degree in political science and briefly considered going on to law school. Meeting a woman from the Los Angeles Police Department at a career fair changed that. What sold her: She'd be near home in Southern California, it was a physical and athletic job, plus the LAPD was actively looking for women interested in law enforcement.

"It's a male-dominated field, but I always got along well with guys," she says. "This was an exciting new adventure that was a really good fit for me."

SWAT Team

There is nothing untrue in how Acosta presented herself on *Survivor*. In fact, she *is* an executive secretary to the chancellor of the State Center Community College District, based in Fresno, a city of half a million in California's San Joaquin Valley. Acosta lives in nearby Clovis.

Yet prior to supporting work educating 8,000 community college students, Acosta led a very

different life: She joined the LAPD in 1983, served in the elite Metro Division, and worked her way up to a spot as chief security aide for Chief Daryl F. Gates. At 26, she was nominated for female officer of the year for the entire state. And she had her sights set on the prestigious SWAT team—the 60-member cadre that Acosta says had “lots of officers dying to get in, and I was one of them.”

SWAT stands for Special Weapons and Tactics. The LAPD SWAT was the first of its kind in the United States—it was formed by Daryl Gates in 1967 following the Watts Riots, and gave police combat-style training and equipment—and it was one of the most high-profile crime-fighting units in the country. There had never been a woman on the force. But then, no other woman had served as security aide to Gates—who was enough of a lightning rod that his safety was a real concern.

Acosta's husband at the time, Mike Domianakes, was a fellow Metro officer. A self-described “good ol’ boy,” as the *L.A. Times* put it, he was at first skeptical about her joining SWAT. But she convinced him that she could cut it. So, in 1991, Nina Domianakes applied. It felt like asking to join a club. There was no formalized

process at the time, just a grueling fitness test at the Marines’ Camp Pendleton, followed by a training period.

The physical qualifications included running 3 miles in 21 minutes, pull-ups from a dead hang, push-ups, and sit-ups. A natural athlete in the best shape of her life, Acosta breezed through these standards. Same with the shooting qualification. Despite her performance on the test and her record with the department, she was refused entry to SWAT training.

Two years later she tried again, more confident that the additional experience would make her case stronger. The process had become slightly less opaque, as the evaluations were videotaped. She did even better than she had before: 28 dead-hang pull-ups; only one man beat her. Once again she was denied. Some men who failed the shooting exercise were accepted.

“I really didn’t think in my heart they would deny me,” she says. “I didn’t want to sue them, I just wanted to play with the guys. With over 1,000 women in the department, for them to operate that way was ridiculous.”

Acosta filed a discrimination lawsuit. Apparently in retaliation, someone scribbled black ink on her photo hanging in the Metro Division, the *L.A. Times* reported.

What got back to her, muttered by cops angry at the suit: *If she were lying in the street, shot, I wouldn’t save her.*

In 1994, Acosta left the police force. She coached volleyball for a while. In 1996, a jury decided the suit in her favor and awarded \$2 million in damages. She had divorced since leaving the LAPD. She moved to Clovis, and she married **Joel Acosta**, a SWAT officer. Nina was at home, bottle-feeding their daughter, when a show caught her attention: 16 people on an island, physical competition, team dynamics. Nina Acosta thought to herself, *I’d love to do that someday.*

It wasn’t reality television that next brought Acosta into the headlines. In 2008, NPR reached out to Acosta when the SWAT training program admitted Jennifer Grasso. Nearly two decades after Acosta first applied and passed the fitness tests, the department had finally allowed a woman to enter the program.

“I really feel like I deserved to be the first woman in SWAT. So selfishly, it was bittersweet for me,” she told NPR. But she was, she said, “really excited for Jennifer and for other young women.”

Off the island

Once her fellow *Survivor* contestants saw Acosta’s

performance in the physical challenge, she wasn’t flying under the radar among tribe members any more. A clique formed on her team, and infighting spiraled out of control; a member of Acosta’s tribe called the state of their side “anarchy.”

The season had been branded as “The Battle of the Sexes,” with the two tribes divided into all-women and all-men teams. The team of women on which Acosta found herself decided that she had to go. In the second episode she was voted off the island.

Regrets? Returning home after about two months of the sequestration of TV production only increased Acosta’s fondness for family, she says. With three children and a husband who brings flowers by the office every Monday, it’s a good life. When she reflects on the *Survivor* experience, she’s glad that she was able to show that a 51-year-old mother could be just as tough as anyone else to compete on the show. She was at least 20 years older than most of the other contestants.

“I really felt like keeping my integrity was important,” Acosta says. “I don’t care if you’re on *Survivor*, the true you comes out under stress—good or bad. As a police officer, I know that.” **SCU**



Home court: Nina Acosta suited up for the SCU alumnae game this year with daughter Cari, 13.

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CLASSNOTES

BRONCO PROFILE:

Misha Patel Bechtolsheim '05

Range of motion

She studied business and dance at SCU but assumed they were mutually exclusive. She soon learned otherwise.

BY PATRICIA YOLLIN

Misha Patel Studio in San Jose is a place where one Santa Clara grad has fused her knowledge of marketing and movement into a light-drenched haven with wood floors, muted blues, and a view of the downtown skyline. Her clients, about 150 at the moment, have ranged from professional athletes, including a few San Jose Sharks, to a recent amputee and people with rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis.

“My father gave me the best advice I’ve ever gotten,” says 30-year-old **Misha Patel Bechtolsheim '05**. “He said, ‘Do what you’re passionate about. You’ll work hard and success will follow.’”

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Studio portrait: her place. Previous page: leading a South Pacific retreat.

That was in 2005, after she had graduated with degrees in commerce and arts and was pursuing brand management jobs in fashion. But her father detected a lack of spark. She moved home to Southern California, became a certified Pilates instructor, started a company where she worked with competitive figure skaters—she'd been one until college—and returned north in 2007.

After two years with Club One Fitness, she opened her own studio in April 2009. Seven months later, she relocated to a bigger space in the same building and married her college boyfriend, **Sebastian Bechtolsheim '04, M.S. '08, MBA '09**. They live across the hall from the studio, which is convenient because Misha works 60 to 70 hours a week, broken up by walks with her Welsh terrier, Jax.

The Reformer

The ninth-floor studio offers fitness sessions such as Pilates, yoga and TRX training, massage, nutrition counseling, and culinary classes. At 5-foot-3 and 110 pounds, Misha is especially fond of the Reformer, a machine that helped her recover from a knee injury.

As she takes a pair of clients through an hour-long Pilates workout, two Reformers glide back and forth. She scrutinizes every


move, snaps her fingers as she counts, and is firm but not merciless.

“Squeeze your inner thighs like you have a winning Lotto ticket between those knees,” she urges.

Valerie Forney, 49, heeds every word. “Misha is sensitive to my physical needs,” she says.

Misha's parents, who trace their roots to India, grew up in Nairobi and own a company that makes fireplace screens. They went to college in England and prize education—which meant that their daughter felt guilty for “prancing around” when she became smitten with dance and choreography at SCU.

Her mentor, **Kristin Kusanovich '88**, helped her see the larger value of theatre arts. “I applauded after one marketing class and everyone stared at me,” Misha says. “Part of me felt awkward, but part wondered why appreciation and respect are not instilled in all classes.”

Kusanovich, a senior lecturer in theatre and dance as well as liberal studies, lauds how “Misha found a way of integrating two pretty disparate fields. She has approached her business as an artist and has a completely different outlook. The performing arts teach leadership, discipline, follow-through, and collaboration.” 

CLASSNOTES

UNDERGRADUATE

1953 REUNION OCTOBER 10–13, 2013

1956 Wilbur Goolkasian writes, “I have been retired from government service as a special agent with IRS-CID for 18 years and moved to the Roseburg, Ore., area with my wife, Ingeburg, in 1997. We live on the Umpqua River. Now, at the prime age of 78, we have been considering moving back closer to our six children and 14 grandchildren, who are spread out in California.”

1958 REUNION OCTOBER 10–13, 2013

Gary Gillmor, former mayor of Santa Clara and a real estate businessman, will soon have a building named in his honor at Mission College.

1961 Former mayor of Morgan Hill **Dennis Kennedy** was appointed by the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors. Kennedy is a registered professional mechanical engineer and led efforts to advance the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project.

1963 REUNION OCTOBER 10–13, 2013

1965 Steven James Bartlett writes that he is the author of 15 books. Published recently is *Normality Does Not Equal Mental Health* (Praeger, 2011), the first book to question the assumption that normality should be used as a standard of good mental health. He is a visiting scholar in psychology and philosophy at Willamette University and senior research professor in philosophy at Oregon State University.

1968 REUNION OCTOBER 10–13, 2013

Terence Lyons is the co-author of *Preserving a Home for Veterans* (Les Figues Press, 2012), a historical and legal analysis of land use at the West Los Angeles VA property, which he wrote with colleagues at the Metabolic Studio in Los Angeles.

1969 Steve Bric is president of Hibernia Woolen Mills, which he founded in 1997. The successful company manufactures residential and contract wool carpeting. He operates the business with his wife, Sharon Bric, whom he married in 1979. They have two kids—Erin (who graduated from Boston College) and **Kevin '05**—and live in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

1972 Lynne Yates-Carter J.D. '76 is celebrating her 30th year as a certified specialist. She is a litigator and also serves as an expert witness on family law issues.

1973 REUNION OCTOBER 10–13, 2013

1974 Barbara Beard Stephan M.A. '78 writes that she has recently assumed the position of clinical director at Windhorse Integrative Mental Health in San Luis Obispo, Calif. She is delighted to be working in an environment that is in line with her view of psychology—honoring humanistic and relational ideals, as well as an integrative/holistic approach to health care.

Patrice Koda Coyle, representing Dignity Health, was elected chair of the California Hospital Association's Governance Forum. She is a member of CHA's executive committee and board of trustees.

1977 Gregory McNulty recently joined **Everett Alvarez Jr. '60** as CTO for Alvarez and Associates. Company founder and CEO Alvarez was the first

BRONCO NEWS

FROM THE SCU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The mountains we climb

Courage, confidence, and a good trail guide are all invaluable. I found all three at Santa Clara.

If my father had taken another route to San Jose, I might never have fallen for Santa Clara. But that day in the fall of 1970, as we drove down El Camino Real, I glimpsed the sight that determined my college destiny: the Santa Clara football team practicing on Bellomy Field.

I was a college-football-mad 13-year-old. And the unexpected image of college football players running drills in full pads—the cannon-armed future NFL star **Dan Pastorini '71** among them—made a deep impression. I asked my dad where we were. And for the first time in my short, Presbyterian life, I heard about the University of Santa Clara, the Jesuits, and the sketches of what a Catholic institution of higher education might be like.

Somehow it stuck. Four years later, there was no doubt where I was headed to college. While my friends cast their nets wide, I applied only to Santa Clara, though truthfully my understanding of what made this place special was barely deeper than it had been that day with my dad four years earlier.

But as a student, it didn't take me long to appreciate the Jesuit focus on educating the whole person. I'd arrived on campus intent on majoring in business, but my love of my lower-division requirements in history and religious courses, like the History of Christianity and Theology of Marriage opened my mind to the liberal arts. At Santa Clara, amid a culture of pursuing a well-rounded education, I felt the support to make a change. Soon I was a history major.

And of course Santa Clara offered so much more. I participated in student government, played rugby, studied abroad, volunteered on the presidential campaign for **Jerry Brown '59**, worked as a T.A., and made friends and mentors who lasted long into adulthood, like **Richard Coz, S.J.**, who baptized my first son. Santa Clara encouraged me to take a 360-degree view of life, and I embraced it. Football, it turned out, didn't play such a major role after all.

Signs of success, signs of warning

To be sure, the intellectual rigors of my education at Santa Clara helped me throughout my career in the Silicon Valley. After earning an MBA and CPA, I was hired by video game maker Electronic Arts in the late '80s to work on taking the company public. Nearly 25 years later, the company has revenues exceeding \$4 billion, and I'm chief operating officer of its EA Labels division, overseeing more than a dozen game development studios, with nearly 7,000 employees around the world.

But perhaps it's Santa Clara's effect on my sense of community that I value more than anything else. I credit my Jesuit education for the clarity that, amid an ever-increasing pace of change, there remains a duty—and a way—to

give back to the communities we work in and live in. For me, this included starting a nonprofit to help diabetics in underserved communities.

Shortly after I turned 40, I noticed a public service announcement relaying the seven warning signs of diabetes, including extreme thirst, fatigue, and hunger. I realized to my shock that I had all seven warning signs!

My subsequent diagnosis put me on a path to greater exercise and then to climbing mountains, a consuming hobby that has taken me from Africa to Russia and South America. In 2007, I looked for a way to put that passion to greater use, founding climb4acure, a nonprofit that leads fundraising ascents up some of the country's highest peaks. So far we've handed out more than \$125,000 in grants to 23 clinics aiding underserved communities around the country. My Santa Clara college roommates and best friends are on the board, and they have been integral in making climb4acure a reality.

Wings and how to build them

Nonprofit fundraising is immensely powerful. For climb4acure, it has allowed us to give badly needed help to places like Culberson Hospital in rural West Texas, which serves a largely Hispanic population with a high diabetes rate.

At the Alumni Association, such efforts are just as important. I'm immensely proud of the Alumni Board Service Award that the Association granted last year to **Cynthia Martinez '12**, a first-generation college student whose diverse experience at Santa Clara exemplifies the whole-person education.

After four years at SCU that included Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, study abroad, Hermanas Unidas, Misas en Español, LEAD Scholars, and even shaving her head to raise money for cancer research, Martinez headed to Jesuit Volunteer Corps International after graduation to work in Nicaragua with children facing exploitation. Her inspiration, she says, came in part from the wonder of working with Michelle, a Peruvian girl with Down syndrome whom she met on a service trip to Lima her senior year.

“Because of my meaningful experiences at Santa Clara University and my inspiration from Michelle, I have gained wings,” Cynthia says. “Now, I feel the need to give wings to other children.”

The good we are able to unleash by investing in someone like Cynthia is immeasurable. My thanks to each of you who have given back to Santa Clara, both with your time—by volunteering or attending an event—and financially. For those still waiting, now is the perfect time to help out. Thanks to the generosity of the Leavey Foundation, the legacy of **Thomas Leavey '22**, his wife Dorothy, and generations of their family, Santa Clara will receive \$1 million if 9,000 undergraduate alumni—fewer than one in four of us—make a gift to SCU by June 30.

There are many paths to Santa Clara. Mine began with a trip down the El Camino when I was barely a teenager. But the value of our University is the path that it guides all of us along after we leave the Mission Campus.

Go Broncos!

Bryan Neider '78
National President,
Alumni Association



U.S. combat pilot shot down over Vietnam and was held as a POW for more than eight years in the infamous “Hanoi Hilton.” Later he served under four U.S. presidents in senior-level positions.

1978 REUNION OCTOBER 10–13, 2013

Phil Iatomase spent more than 20 years in the semiconductor business in supply chain management and as an IT professional. In 1997 he co-founded Ariba, a pioneering business-to-business Internet commerce software company. He writes, “We took the company public in 1999 and employed more than 2,300 people around the world. I left Ariba in 2001 and have spent the last 12 years as a high-tech retiree.” His daughter is **Marina Iatomase ’14**.

Nancy (Gerlach) Lee recently celebrated 30 years of marriage to husband LTC **Anthony Lee M.S. ’86**. They have three grown children—Jessica, 29, Michael, 26, and Stephanie, 22—and in October 2012 they were blessed with their first grandchild, Autumn Jade. They live in White Lake, Mi.

1980 Mark Ferro and his wife, **Nancy** (an honorary alumna), have started a nonprofit for adult cancer survivors and their caregivers. Epic Experience’s goal is to encourage survivors and their caregivers beyond their diagnosis through outdoor adventure camps. The Ferros’ oldest son, Michael, was diagnosed with cancer in 2007 and is doing well. Learn more at www.epicexperience.org.

1983 REUNION OCTOBER 10–13, 2013

For the third year in a row, **P. Gregory “Greg” Frey** has been selected to Hawaii Super Lawyers, a distinction afforded to approximately 5 percent of the state’s lawyers. He is the managing attorney at Coates & Frey, AAL, LLLC. He and his wife of 27 years, **Maria “Mia” Fialho Frey ’84**, have two adult

children, including **Samantha Io’ana Malia Frey ’10**.

Matthew C. McGlynn J.D. ’86 is now serving as a judge on the Superior Court of Tehama County.

Chris Walker has joined IBM Global Business Services as health care training program manager for the Middle East and Africa. He lives in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, with his wife of 20 years, Hassania, and their youngest son, Norm, who is a freshman at American Community School of Abu Dhabi.

1987 Hap Albers writes: “We live in the Salinas foothills. My wife, Kathryn, and I have been together for 14 years and have two kids, Rhiannon, 9.5, and Brenndon, 8. We own our own growing firm, Albers Real Estate. My work consists of real estate brokerage—mostly apartment buildings in the Central Coast and residential real estate. Kathryn is the brains, and I talk a lot.”

Eric Barrett will be celebrating his 25-year anniversary as president of Barrett Insurance Services in San Mateo, Calif. He volunteers as a coach at Sequoia High School in Redwood City on the JV boys’ basketball team.

1988 REUNION OCTOBER 10–13, 2013

Col. **Roy Agustin** lives in Georgia and is the deputy director for Installations and Mission Support for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command.

Charmie (Cruz) Vince is director of admissions for Brookewood School in Kensington, Md. She helped found this all-girls Catholic school for grades 1–12 in 2006 in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Bob Vince, live in Bethesda, Md. They have three children.

1989 Fred Mendez was named director of the Office of Corporate Social Responsibility at Rabobank NA.

He was previously senior VP of community and economic development. He and his wife, Nicole, live in Sacramento with their two boys, Alejandro and Santiago.

Deanne Sprinkle Wilsted has had her second book published. *Untangling the Knot* is a contemporary romantic comedy set amid a Catholic wedding. She, husband Jeff, and their daughter live in Portland, Ore.

1991 Mark Haladwala is living in Birmingham, Ala. He works at BBVA Compass as head of the Consumer Segment for Alabama and Florida. Mark is married to Georgina Haladwala and has three daughters.

1993 REUNION OCTOBER 10–13, 2013

Lara E. Zientek Colvert writes that she is pursuing psychology in the form of massage therapy. Over the years, her bodywork studies have taken her to Oakland and Hawaii. She works as an on-call therapist in Campbell, stays involved with her two children, sings with Ladiesong Vocal Ensemble, and occasionally performs with her husband, Bill Colvert, the trained “real” singer in the family.

Patricia L. Sullivan ’93 is an assistant professor of international relations in the Department of Public Policy at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her book *Who Wins? Predicting Strategic Success and Failure in Armed Conflict* was published by Oxford University Press in July 2012.

1994 Mariah (Youngkin) Baughn has completed a pathology residency at U.C. San Diego and a hematopathology fellowship at Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, Calif. She has accepted a position as a staff pathologist at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla. She resides in San Diego with husband **Jeff Baughn MBA ’03** and son Evan, 10.

1995 Kelley Wall has been named a director at Rose Ryan, a finance and accounting consulting firm based in Silicon Valley.

1997 Perlita R. Dicochea writes that her manuscript “Discourses of Race and Racism within Environmental Justice Studies: An Eco-racial Intervention” was published via open access with *Ethnicity and Race in a Changing World: A Review Journal*. She writes, “This piece was created specifically for courses that address relationships between race, racism, environmental issues, and justice.”

Chantel Waterbury ’97, founder and CEO of chloe + isabel, was listed in “More 40 under 40” by *Fortune* magazine. Waterbury was recognized as being among the latest players on the direct-sales jewelry scene, helping sellers set up virtual storefronts and offering them a range of jewelry to hawk using their social networking savvy.

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1999 Jeremy Johnston ’99 is the bass player and assistant band director for Cirque du Soleil’s *Alegria*. *Alegria* was the 10th highest-grossing worldwide touring act in 2012. When not on tour, he lives with his wife and two boys in Hudson, Ohio.

Jaysson A. Reno is general sales manager of KSAN 107.7 The Bone, flagship station of the San Francisco 49ers. Reno is also taking on the newly created role of director of strategic partnerships for Cumulus Media in San Francisco. He and his wife of 8 years have 3 children and reside in San Jose.

2001 Jaime (Novotny) Allen is the director of education at Humane Society Silicon Valley in Milpitas. She and her husband, Ron, have no children but are filling their lives (naturally) with a multitude of pets. Minky, Bouncer, Miss Emily, and Munchkin complete their family. They live in San Jose.

The \$1 million question

Can SCU alumni win the University’s first-ever challenge grant?

BY JEFF GIRE

This past fall, SCU was given a challenge: The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation, a longtime University supporter, offered \$1 million on the condition that 9,000 undergraduate alumni make a gift to SCU before June 30.

The Leavey Challenge is the first major participation grant in SCU’s history. This is the first time a foundation or business has made the kind of major challenge familiar to listeners of public radio: If you put your money up, so will we.

It’s a great opportunity for current students, as the \$1 million would go straight into the Santa Clara Fund, which supports Broncos primarily with scholarships but also provides funding for on-campus clubs, student-run events, and study abroad—the kinds of experiences that help make an SCU education special.

“This challenge provides the chance for all alumni to reflect on how important SCU was to each of us,” says **Robert J. Finocchio ’73**, chairman of SCU’s Board of Trustees. Finocchio speaks as an alumnus, as a member of the SCU faculty (he’s the Dean’s Professor of Management in the Leavey School of Business), and as a business leader. “We have an excellent opportunity to help others have the same experience,” he says.

So, the \$1 million question is this: Will 9,000 alumni respond to the challenge? After all, last year a record 8,145 alumni donated—can alumni raise the bar again?

Why we give

With the deadline approaching and more than 7,800 gifts accounted for, Broncos are making a strong effort to secure \$1 million for SCU—but nearly 1,200 alumni still need to join the challenge by giving any amount, to any area on campus, in order to secure this major gift for the University.

Helping the cause, more than 600 alumni, from the classes of ’62 to ’12, have made their first-ever gifts to the University this year. If SCU is going to make the jump to 9,000 alumni donations,

this group of first-timers will be an important factor—and will have to grow in the next few weeks.

One of those who stepped up is **Christina Brusaca ’05**. “I felt the Leavey Challenge would make my gift go farther,” she says. “Plus, I started a new job, so I was able to make a contribution.”

Brusaca is a political science grad and a former member of the Associated Student Government here at SCU who is now working for the city of San Francisco. Many of the Broncos giving for the first time this year have used experiences on the Mission Campus to springboard into a career, and the Leavey Challenge was the perfect way to say thanks.

“I had the opportunity to complete two marketing internships at major corporations when I was a sophomore and junior—both from postings that I found on BroncoLink,” says **Carrie McDaniel ’09**. “I also found a third internship through BroncoLink that led to my first full-time job out of school.” The fact that her individual donation could be boosted by more than \$100 if SCU succeeds was just the motivation McDaniel, who now works in the Internet security industry, needed to make her gift. For many first-time donors, the fact that all gifts qualify toward the \$1 million goal, regardless of size, is a big incentive.


Nelson Bostrom ’05, J.D. ’08 has cousins applying to Santa Clara and is beginning to feel “more of a legacy” at SCU. “SCU helped raise awareness that people in the world need help and that

everyone should take part in helping in as many ways as possible,” he says.

Elizabeth Hatch ’11, who is teaching in Los Angeles while working toward a master’s degree in education there, hopes “that students who attend the University will continue to have their horizons broadened as they grow and learn.”

Rally time

The challenge is “something to rally around,” says Finocchio. The \$1 million grant and all the additional donations it attracts would both make an immediate difference on campus—and would speak volumes to foundations, the media, and others who keep tabs on the portion of alumni giving back to their alma mater. It’s a quick way to gauge how satisfied alumni are with their education.

“Alumni participation in fundraising is perhaps the most important signal to other donors, and even prospective students, that alumni value their experience with the institution,” says Finocchio. “Every donation is an important vote of confidence in SCU.” 

Danae Stahlnecker ’15 also contributed to this story.



For more information about the grant and the Leavey Foundation, and to keep up to date on the Leavey Challenge, visit www.scu.edu/leaveychallenge



LIVES JOINED

Carol Dempsey '81 and Walter Frey on June 24, 2012, in Tiburon. They live in Manteca. Carol works for Woodside Homes.

Tara (Cano) Skipper '01 and Clint Skipper on Aug. 4 at Mission Santa Clara, where they enjoyed celebrating with family and friends. Fellow SCU alumni in attendance were **Brian Cano '97, Andrea (Cano) Jones '98, Mariana (Baricevic) Schuller '01, Bianca Placencia '01, Laurie (Robblee) Morellii '01, Tara Dempsey '01, Jamie (Ceccato) Perkins '01, Shelley Thomas '01, Vy Nguyen '01, and Julia (Debriyn) Tabery '01**. The couple resides in Benicia, Calif.

Lauren Renfort '03 and Chris Alberts on June 18, 2011, in San Martin. In attendance were groomsmen **Hadyn Renfort '07** and **Lane Renfort '12**; bridesmaids **Barbara (Dieckman) Orellana '03, Julie Angelo '09, and Janice (Yee) Swearingen '03, M.A. '06**; and other Broncos **Christian Pfrommer '03, Michael Maclaren '03, Heather (Stark) Rainusso '03, Lindsay Gray '12, Jason Mueller '07, Adam Suleman '07, Andrew Swearingen '03, M.S. '07, and Carlos Orellana '01**.

Rebecca (Naumes) Vega '03 and Arturo Vega on June 30, 2012. Guests included **Sam Naumes '73, Mike Naumes '68, Sue Naumes '70, Sarah (Naumes) Primerano '01, Cynthia Naumes '12, Sean Naumes '12, Deirdre (Hakanson) Schultz '03, Shelley (Schilz) Briggs '03, Celeste (Bronzini)**

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2002 Mariah (Dyen) Flanagan '02 writes that on Dec. 4, 2012, she and husband Patrick Flanagan opened the doors of their wood-fired pizzeria, Wood Fire Woodie (www.woodfirewoodie.com), in Scotts Valley, Calif. It was established in 2007 as a mobile wood-fired pizza catering company and specializes in thin-crust, Italian-style pizza cooked in a Tuscan oven. They have two daughters, Sofia, 6, and Kirra, 4.

Paul Laurie co-founded Walking Tree Travel, a summer Peace Corps–like program for teens that works in countries

Lombardi '03, Maureen McCartney '03, Emma Smith '03, and Katie (Carroll) Isetta '03. The newlyweds live in Medford, Ore.

Rebecca (Regan) Freeman '05 and Peter Freeman on Sept. 22, 2012, in Golden, Colo.

Ashley D. Miller '05 and Andrew Ellingwood on Aug. 26, 2012, in Calistoga. The couple was introduced by classmate **Greg Geibel '05**, who was in attendance. **Arielle Miller '12**, the bride's sister, served as a maid of honor. The newlyweds honeymooned in Lake Como, Florence, Paris, and Maui. They live in Arizona, where Ashley works for JPMorgan and Andrew has taken a promotion at Oracle.

Lindsey Hart '06 and Jonathan Saxon on Oct. 27, 2012. The wedding party included **Katie Reedy '06, Kendall Craver '06, Claire Bickenbach '06, and Chrissie (Moreno) Smith '05**. Also in attendance were **Maggie (Kaufman) Coffey '07, Marisa (Randazzo) Fillmon '06, Drew Gulick '06, Francesca (Zanfini) Koscielak '06, Brian Koscielak '06, Varant Ovanessofoff '06, Alex Rhodes '06, Blake Twisselman '05, and Michael Vincent '06**. The couple lives in Chicago, Ill.

Justine Folk '12 and **Benjamin Williams '11** on Sept. 15, 2012, in Rocklin, Calif. The wedding party included **Michael Kawamoto '11, Elizabeth Hatch '11, Sarah Esparza '10, and Bianca Frediani '12**. The newlyweds live in Vacaville.

from China to Costa Rica, Senegal to Spain. Annually the company sends hundreds of teens to small villages to build schools, learn about local culture, and, most important, return to teach their friends about a world outside of the United States.

Christine (Lupo) Montgomery writes, “I received my Ph.D. in English from U.C. Santa Cruz in 2012 and now have a two-year postdoctoral position in the English department at SCU.”

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Former NCAA All-American and two-time Major League Soccer (MLS) Champion **Ryan Cochrane '05** has been named assistant men's soccer coach at Santa Clara. Cochrane capped off an outstanding collegiate career at SCU by helping the Broncos reach the 2003 NCAA College Cup Final Four. He went on to enjoy nine years playing professional soccer, which included winning a pair of MLS titles with the Houston Dynamo.

Michelle Cwirko-Godycki is the new associate director, Marketing & Communications, for SCU's Alumni Relations. Previously, Cwirko-Godycki worked at Edelman for nine years.

Nicki (Pichel) Nabasny writes that she and **Mike Nabasny '03** moved to Chicago in July 2011. Nicki is currently the director of external relations at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, and Mike is director of sales, Midwest, at Wildfire, a division of Google. They have a daughter, Mia, born Dec. 30, 2011, and are expecting their second child in August 2013.

2005 Angelina Ramos, a former pop music star, now teaches a leadership class at ACE Charter High School in San Jose, Calif. From Union City, Ramos decided to leave the glamorous life of a singer after 15 years to return to her roots in the Bay Area.

2006 Toriana S. Holmes is an associate practicing bankruptcy law at the firm Severson & Werson, P.C. in San Francisco.

Mike Pienovi and his wife, Kate, have moved to Shanghai, China, where Mike is a TI technical sales engineer. He has been working to support TI's American-based customers with design sites in China. His attempt to build a bridge between the American and Chinese teams has led both teams to new prospects, applying both the business and technical aspects to the job.

Athena Rodriguez was named the business development manager at Adirondack Technical Solutions in Argyle, N.Y., where she will be responsible for cultivating new business and enhancing customer service. Rodriguez brings five years of experience in sales and marketing to the team.

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Stephanie Marquez writes that after working in the Alumni Relations Office at U.C. Merced for more than four years, she has moved to San Diego, where she works as the development and alumni relations coordinator at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. “I am in the process of applying to graduate school for next fall, now that my aspiration is to begin studying higher education leadership at the University of San Diego.”

Marcella Reynolds writes, “For the last year I have worked at Table Mountain Rancheria as the environmental administrative assistant. I have now been promoted to environmental specialist within the Government Affairs and Environmental Department.”

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GRADUATE

1971 Susan Johnson M.A., president of Futura Industries Corp., has been appointed a director of the Salt Lake City branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

1973 Clark “Gus” Guinan J.D. has retired after practicing law for 39 years, the last four as the city attorney of Burlingame. Gus and his wife, Signe, live in Berkeley.

1974 Mark Hyde J.D. formed a nonprofit organization to challenge what was proposed to be the largest shopping center in Maui

County, Hawaii, and prevailed before the Hawaii Land Use Commission in January. In February he received the 2013 Malama Ka Aina award from the Maui Chapter of the Sierra Club for his work.

1977 Brian Back J.D. has been appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown '59 to the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Back has been a Ventura County Superior Court judge since 1998. He was an attorney with Arnold Back Mathews Wojkowski and Zirbel LLP from 1990 to 1997. He lives in Camarillo.

James Barrett MBA was honored by the Tech Council of Maryland with its Lifetime Achievement Award, in March. The award is given each year to a local individual who has gone above and beyond to serve the community at large. Barrett is a general partner at New Enterprise Associates, a venture capital firm. He focuses on investing in health care technologies and therapeutics in the field of biotechnology.

1978 Steve Bennett J.D. writes that he has joined the Portland, Ore., law firm Farleigh Wada Witt (FWW). He was a partner of Powers, McCulloch & Bennett, LLP, which merged with FWW in 2013. He continues to focus his practice in the areas of business and estate planning.

1988 Thomas M. Kim J.D., MBA has been elected president of Global Turnaround Management Association for 2013.

1990 Adrienne M. Grover J.D. was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown '59 as associate justice of the Sixth District Court of Appeal. Grover has served as a judge for the Monterey County Superior Court since 2002. She previously served as county counsel for Monterey County and worked for Calaveras County.

1997 Yan Yuen Brenda Lao MBA writes, “I am working at Hong Kong Baptist University now.”

1999 Michelle Montez Fisher J.D. was elected as a board member of Storyteller Children's Center, a preschool for homeless and at-risk children in Santa Barbara. Fisher has practiced municipal law for 12 years, working as an assistant city attorney for Santa Barbara's City Attorney's Office. She and her husband have three children.

2001 Maya Skubatch J.D. was elected as a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, a provider of legal services to technology, life sciences, and growth enterprises worldwide. The firm is based in Palo Alto.

2005 Robert Ballecer, S.J., M.Div. was named director of the Center for Apostolic Technology, a nonprofit community-outreach program based out of the University Catholic Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, that operates under the mandate of seeking new means and methods for using IT for the betterment of the individual, the building of communities, and the mission of the Church in a modern world.

2007 Boaz Ronkin MBA joined Ensignten, a Tag Management System provider, as senior director of product marketing. He brings an extensive background in marketing optimization, personalization, and Web analytics.

2009 Tae-Woong Koo J.D. has been named president of the Korean American Bar Association of Northern California. Koo is an intellectual property attorney at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, based in Palo Alto.

2011 Pravin Boddu MBA published a satire on India, *Drifting Democracy—India: from a Common Man's Perspective*, available via Amazon CreateSpace.

2012 Elizabeth Nuss J.D., who was sworn in as a member of the California State Bar in November, joined Gaw Van Male, a law firm specializing in wealth preservation, business law, and related litigation, in Napa.



BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Patricia (Aquino) Magolske '93 and husband John Magolske—a daughter, Stella Rose, on Jan. 5, 2013. The family resides in San Francisco.

Amy Brydon Rapp '95 and Toby Rapp—son Andrew on Feb. 21, 2013. Amy works for Nike and the family lives in Portland, Ore.

Mike Betz '96 and **Alisa (Harmon) Betz '97**—their third (and final) future Bronco, Charles Donald Betz, on Oct. 14, 2012. They write, “Charlie joins his siblings Alice and Henry and has the distinct privilege of being the proud owner of numerous articles of hand-me-down SCU gear! Here's to hoping they all get in to SCU! Third one's free, right?”

Karen (Mion) Pachmayer '97 and Chris—their second daughter, Sarah Grace, on April 4, 2011. She joins sister Emma Rose. The family lives in Redwood City.

Keith Schieron '97 and **Sarah (Broz) Schieron '97**—a boy, Woodrow West, on Aug. 20, 2011. He joins brother Cooper, 4. The family lives in Seattle.

Cathy (Miller) Justl '98, M.A. '01 and **David Justl '99**—Katherine Yeon Emma Justl, born March 17, 2011, in Osan, South Korea, home forever on Aug. 30, 2012. She joins sister, Kiya, age 4. The family lives in Wisconsin.

Jason M. Caskey '98 and wife Kirsten—Daniel Patrick on Dec. 26, 2011. He joins sisters Grace, 6, and Claire, 4. The family lives in Omaha, but Jason travels to the Bay Area as often as possible. He is an attorney in the Intellectual Property and IT group at Kutak Rock LLP, specializing in technology licensing, copyright, trademarks, and commercial transactions.

Steve Braccini '99, J.D. '03 and his wife, Teresa—their first child, Angelo Antonio Braccini, on March 20, 2012. The family resides in the Willow Glen area of San Jose. Steve is a trust and estate litigator with Hopkins & Carley, APLC in the firm's San Jose and Palo Alto offices.

Alicia (Smith) Bryant '00 and husband Jason—Winter Lauren on Oct. 27, 2012. She joins sisters Avery and

Lila and brother Donovan. They live in San Diego.

Jessica (Wightman) Halle '00 and husband Pierre Halle—a baby girl, Sophie, born Feb. 23, 2013.

Ryan Joy '00 and Heather Joy—a girl, Kennedy Brooklyn Joy, on Dec. 8, 2012. The family resides in Novato.

Tony Perachiotti '00 and **Colette (Meyer) Perachiotti '00**—their second son, Tyler, on Nov. 20, 2012. Older brother Dominic is 3, and the family lives in Marin County, in Novato.

Marisa (Borota) Hocking '01 and Zeke Hocking—Bryce David Hocking on May 21, 2012. He is adored by sister Emma, 2. The family resides in Chandler, Ariz.

Christina (Tsiagkas) Keesler '01 and husband Nathan Keesler—their first child, Mariah Judith Keesler, on Aug. 8, 2012. The family lives in Antioch, Calif.

Sarah (Barr) Stone '01 and Mark Stone—their first child, Haley Jane, on June 15, 2012. The family resides in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Ian Kelly '02 and **Bethany (Stevenson) Kelly '02**—Caitlin Clara, on July 30, 2012. She joins sister Erinne. Her middle name comes from the place her parents met: Santa Clara! The family lives in Portland.

Ramon Marquez III '02 and **Nina Nejah '04, M.S. '07**—Jasmine F. Marquez on Dec. 11, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20.5 inches. The Marquez family resides in San Jose.

Emily (Moody) Wilcox '03, MBA '09 and husband Lee—their first child, Abigail, on Aug. 18, 2011. The family lives in San Jose, where Emily works as the alumni and external relations director for the Leavey School of Business at SCU.

Michael Baranick '04 and **Erin (Rieger) Baranick '04**—their first child, Nolan James, on Oct. 4, 2012. The family lives in Seattle.

Timothy Reed J.D. '05 and I-Lan Emily Lin—their first child, Gavin Weixiang Reed, on Sept. 9, 2012.

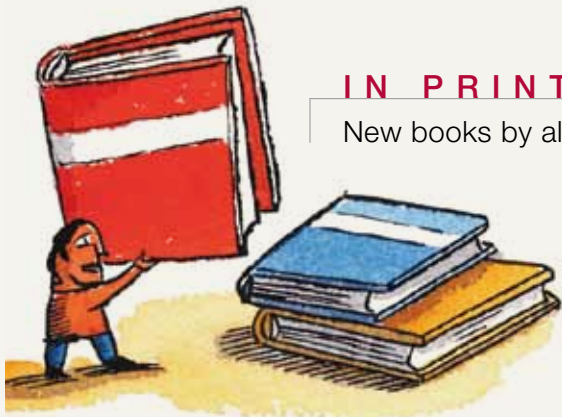
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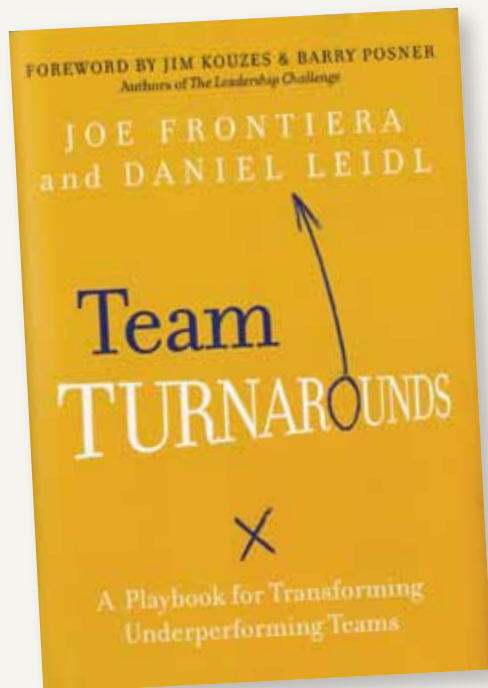
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New books by alumni



END REVERSE

Remember how awesome the Indianapolis Colts were in the 1980s and 1990s? Nope, neither does anybody else. Before they were first, they were worst. And how about the first season of the Broadway musical *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark*? The reviews used words like “fumbling” and “dismal.”

Instead of laughing at flops like those, **Joe Frontiera '97** and Daniel Leidl have written a book on how to turn losers into winners. ***Team Turnarounds: A Playbook for Transforming Underperforming Teams*** (Jossey-Bass) outlines six stages that leaders—especially those in business and sports—move through on the path to success. Noting elements common to the turnarounds they’ve explored, they offer advice and insight into getting a group to surmount its formerly intractable problems. The questions and steps might be simple but not easy. For example, there’s

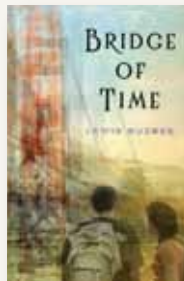
facing reality (“We’re really not that good”), changing an organization’s behavior (it’s hard enough when you’re trying to change an individual’s), and a shift to constant learning and innovation.

Examples include the Domino’s Pizza recipe do-over, a Kendon motorcycle trailers return to quality, the high-achieving Montgomery County Public Schools, and the pitiful Anaheim Angels who turned around and won the 2002 World Series. Comebacks in high tech and basketball are here, too.

Frontiera and Leidl manage Meno Consulting, a firm that focuses on culture turnarounds, team development, and leadership development. They write for the *Washington Post* “On Leadership” series, among other publications. **John Deever**

SAM AND THE CITY

“Every good story is nothing more than a series of mistakes made by the main characters, until they find the right way,” Samuel Clemens tells his time-traveling companions in ***Bridge of Time*** (Feiweil & Friends), by **Lewis Buzbee '79**. In this



young-adult adventure, a middle school field trip in San Francisco turns fantastic when Joan Lee and Lee Jones discover that a brief sojourn in a Fort Point lighthouse mysteriously lands them in the year 1864—and in the company of Sam,

who was yet to earn true writerly renown as Mark Twain.

The trio navigates the city’s “old timey” landscape, where Civil War soldiers and Irish butchers have it in for Clemens because of his politics, and for young Joan because she’s Chinese American. The teens long for their own time—the age of pizza and hybrid cars—while Clemens counsels spending days in “butterfly

idleness.” Each character eventually encounters a future self who teaches that to move forward through life without trepidation is the only way to return to the present.

Buzbee is the author of fictions that include the Edgar-finalist ***The Haunting of Charles Dickens***. He teaches in the MFA writing program at University of San Francisco. **Caitlin Mohan**

NONFICTION NOTES

Conflicting Commitments: The Politics of Enforcing Immigrant Worker Rights in San Jose and Houston (ILR Press), by **Shannon Gleeson '02**, studies laws



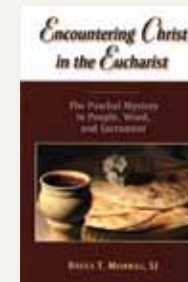
and bureaucracies affecting immigrants in two major—and very different—gateway cities. Drawing on real-life accounts by ordinary workers; federal, state, and local government officials; community organizers; and

consular staff, Gleeson argues that local political contexts matter for protecting undocumented workers in particular. She teaches in the Department of Latin American and Latino Studies at U.C. Santa Cruz.



Suffering and Salvation in Ciudad Juarez (Fortress Press), by **Nancy Pineda-Madrid Ph.D. '05**, draws on firsthand experience of the dehumanizing violence in this border city, with an attempt to understand

what feeds the destructive cycle. Pineda-Madrid studied at the Jesuit School of Theology and now teaches at Boston College.



Encountering Christ in the Eucharist: The Paschal Mystery in People, Word, and Sacrament (Paulist Press), by **Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., M.Div. '91**, draws upon the best of recent biblical, historical, and theological sources to

explore how Christ is present in the celebration of the Eucharist.



Just Call Me Dean (iUniverse), by **Florence Stewart Poyadue M.A. '83**, tells the story of the author’s son—who is also a husband, college student, employee, and a man living with Down syndrome. Subtitled *And*

Don't Rain on My Parade, his is a tale to inspire anyone whose life is touched by someone with special needs. His mother has already inspired others: A nurse, teacher, and counselor, she is the founder of Parents Helping Parents and was recognized by President George H. W. Bush with a Point of Light Award.

FICTION NOTES



Cold Crossover (Crabman Publishing) is the first foray into fiction by **Tom Kelly '72**. Real estate agent Ernie Creekmore tries to solve the mystery behind an old friend who goes missing on a late-night ferry ride. A second

Creekmore mystery, ***Hovering Above a Homicide***, is slated for this spring. Kelly is a veteran writer on real estate and lives on Bainbridge Island, Wash.



Public Pretender (CreateSpace), by **Royce Roberts J.D. '85**, covers territory this longtime public defense lawyer knows well. Gavin Young’s clients—in leopard-print pants and gold chains—want to

know, since they don’t have to pay him: Is he a *real* attorney? He wanted to be a corporate law bigshot. Instead, defending them, he learns unexpected lessons about family and success.



Circus Before Dawn (iUniverse), by **David Miller J.D. '86**, takes readers on a fast ride with journalist Trevor Banks in the world of Formula One Racing as he pursues an intriguing racecar driver and a psychopathic saboteur.



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GIFT PLANNING

Burning bright

Hall Evans '51 cheered the Broncos to an Orange Bowl victory in 1950, and he celebrated the University’s centennial the next year. Those times brought many unforgettable moments, and ample opportunity to perfect the construction of bonfires—a traditional responsibility for SCU’s engineering students.

“We’d start with railroad ties,” Evans recalls. “Then we’d build these big structures with pulleys, fill that up with combustible material, and light the whole thing.”

Of course, a lot has changed since then—fire safety regulations, for starters. Yet one constant was the impact of a Santa Clara education on Evans’s life as he worked with a variety of firms before founding his own company—Evans Engineering and Air Balance.

When it came time to send his three children to college, “they could go

anywhere they wanted,” he says. “As long as it was Santa Clara University.”

In total, the experiences of three generations of his family (Evans’s father attended University of San Francisco) with the Jesuit philosophy of education “reinforced how great it is. Because of that, my support just makes sense. And engineers are, of all things, logical.”

Evans and his wife, Olivia, a retired grade school teacher, have made multiple gifts of real estate to the University that funded charitable trusts. Their investment in SCU provides them a fixed return, while funding the Hall and Olivia Evans Scholarship Fund for high-achieving, low-income engineering students.

Like his earlier campus exploits, it’s a bright idea. But unlike the pyrotechnics, this one will light the Mission Campus for quite a while.

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Below are obituaries of Santa Clara alumni. At santaclearamagazine.com/obituaries you'll find obituaries published in their entirety. There, family members may also submit obituaries for publication online and in print.

OBITUARIES

1937 Henry “Hank” Richard, Dec. 19, 2012. Born in 1916, Richard grew up working in his family's Alviso orchards and supervised them until 1940, when he became a USDA inspector. Later he worked as plant manager of Pratt-Lowe in Santa Clara. Upon retiring, he and wife Margery moved to Santa Cruz. He had two sons.

1941 James Bowen Wilcox, Nov. 19, 2012. He was born March 13, 1920.

1943 Lorenzo “Larry” Abrusci, Nov. 24, 2012. A resident of Alameda, Abrusci was born in Oakland in 1920. In the '40s, he flew B-17s, completing more than 65 missions and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross. After the war he farmed on Bay Farm Island in Alameda, and then became an owner of City Tire and A-Tire in Oakland.

1949 Alfred S. Maida, Jan. 24, 2013. Born in 1927, the San Jose native operated a private medical practice for many years. Later, he was medical director for Pacific Bell, General Electric, and Gilroy Foods. The humble and gentle doctor was a reader, gardener, volunteer, and Christian.

1950 John “Jack” Francis Ennis, Dec. 4, 2012. Born in 1919, the Navy veteran grew up on a ranch near Cedarville. In 1952, he married Angela Cooke and raised four sons in Redding. He worked for the California Division of Highways (now Caltrans).

1951 Joseph Anastasi Jr., Nov. 26, 2012. Monterey's “Joltin’ Joe” and SCU's football player ran Mike's Seafood Restaurant and Casa Carmel-korn on Fisherman's Wharf for half a century. The humble and generous Anastasi surrounded himself with family, including daughter **Jodi '82**, and his parish community.

1952 Stephen Gazzera Jr. J.D. '52, Jan. 24, 2013. Born in 1928 in San Francisco, the former Army first lieutenant ran his law practice in Mountain View until his death. The father of three, including **Stephen III '82**, loved traveling and the outdoors.

James Dennis O'Brien, Oct. 25, 2012. The longtime resident of Santa Clara was born in 1930 in San Jose. After retiring from PG&E, he enjoyed traveling the world with wife Connie and visiting family.

1953 Jack Kaplan, Oct. 25, 2012. Born in 1930 in Long Beach, Calif., Kaplan played first team halfback at SCU. He was successful as a developer and builder of residential homes and apartments in Southern California. He was married to Carmen for 50 years and raised three children.

1954 William “Bill” R. Kilty, Feb. 4, 2013. Born in Denver, Colo., in 1932, he served in the Coast Guard and held numerous managerial and executive positions at the Crown Zellerbach Corp. until 1988, when he retired to San Clemente, Calif., to watch grandchildren blossom. His five children include **Ann Hernandez '80**, **MBA '87** and **Tom Kilty '88**.

Ralph Eugene Neary, Nov. 28, 2012. A third-generation San Franciscan and a mechanical engineer, he held numerous patents during 30 years at the Schlage Lock Co. He could design anything, build anything, fix anything.

1955 Joseph “Pepi” Anthony Salazar, Jan. 1, 2013. Born in 1933, Salazar grew up in Rio Vista and Antioch. He served in the Army, worked for Union Oil, and then spent 30 years with Allstate Insurance in Stockton. A “great hugger,” Salazar enjoyed school, church, and athletics with his three children. Survivors include brother **Ray '54**.

1959 James Freeman Gill, Oct. 26, 2012. A resident of Carmel, he was born in 1938 in San Jose and received a full baseball scholarship to SCU. He owned Muller Printing Company, where he treated employees like family, for more than 35 years.

1961 St. Helena Mayor Delford Glenn (“Buddy”) Britton, Jan. 8, 2013. A man who preferred to hear a joke over a compliment, Britton was born in St. Helena in 1938 and attended SCU on a baseball scholarship. His quarter century of military service included assignments as a professor, detachment commander, and senior staff.

Fred “Freddie” Domino J.D. '68, Jan. 2, 2013. Born in Chicago in 1939, Domino was a lawyer. He was married to Ruby and had a daughter. He loved golfing and taking trips to Italy.

Larry F. Higgins, Nov. 27, 2012. Born in Yonkers, N.Y., in 1937, he played baseball and served seven years in the Army and worked at American Handicrafts and for the Washington State Liquor Control Board, where he managed the Pullman store for 19 years.

Donald Ingoglia, Jan. 23, 2013. A Sacramento native, he was born in 1939 and was a tax attorney before joining the family business, Tony's Fine Foods, a major food distributor based in West Sacramento, until retiring in 1999 as chairman and CEO.

Richard J. Morey, Nov. 20, 2012. A lifelong resident of Menlo Park and Atherton, he was born in 1939 and was a cement mason for more than 50 years.

Carl Alvin Munding, Jan. 19, 2013. With a taste of Wild Turkey, a kiss from his wife of 50 years, and surrounded by his four children, including **John “Tiger” '88**, Munding crossed over to the Kingdom of God. Born in 1939 in San Luis Obispo, he loved SCU. The former Army captain served 20 years as a hospital administrator in Washington state and then founded Munding & Associates in Arizona. Numerous survivors include grandchild **Erin '15**.

1964 Oren Lee Christensen MBA, Dec. 4, 2012. Born in Selma, Christensen worked in civil and structural engineering design at Lockheed Missiles and Space, Stanford Research Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and independently as a building program consultant.

1965 Barry Curtis DeVita, Jan. 11, 2013. He was born Dec. 28, 1943.

James R. Kline Jr. MBA, Nov. 17, 2012. Born in Denver, he married Kay in 1958 and began his lifelong career at Lockheed, retiring as CFO of the Lockheed Shuttle Operations Co. in Florida.

David W. Rodoni, Dec. 12, 2012. Born in 1942 in Oakland, he was the fiscal supervisor at the Toro Company. He enjoyed playing cards, collecting antiques, watching old movies, and spending time with his children.

1966 Victor Lewis Parrino, Dec. 23, 2012. A resident of San Jose, he was born in New Orleans in 1944. He retired in 1999 from a career as a sales rep with AAA. He played and coached baseball, attended SCU basketball games, and rooted for the Giants.

Edwin S. Schaller Jr. MBA, Sept. 16, 2012. Born in Chicago in 1929, he worked at Lockheed for 39 years. He was married to Diane Topp and raised their three boys in Los Gatos. He coached youth sports and loved the outdoors, especially fishing.

1967 Ross “Butch” Joseph Prusinovski, Nov. 16, 2012. The Oakland native was born in 1945. The former Army captain in Vietnam worked in the family-owned business, PH Motors, and at Engine Performance Warehouse in Oakland for more than 30 years.

1969 Richard J. Conner, Nov. 11, 2012. A fighter to the end, Conner finally ran out of credits at the video poker machine of life and succumbed to glioblastoma. Born and raised

in San Rafael, he began his career selling photocopiers for IBM. The last 25 years of his life he worked for Hill-Rom, earning several awards. He was 65.

1971 Larry J. Alvarez, Nov. 18, 2012. The lifelong Tracy resident was born in 1949. He worked at the family farming operation, Alvarez Farms. He served in the Army and National Guard Reserves and was a parishioner of St. Bernard's. Survivors include three children and sister **Patty Robidart '69**.

1972 Herman Egger M.S., Nov. 5, 2012. Born in Murten, Switzerland, Egger moved to Palo Alto in 1967 with his bride, Monika, began a 35-year career with Varian Associates, and raised two daughters. He was 75.

1974 Robert C. Schwalbe M.A. '79, Jan. 8, 2013. The Santa Clara resident was born in 1952. He loved Yosemite and enjoyed adventures there with siblings, including **Joan '65**. Generous and compassionate, he was married to Linda and raised three children.

1975 Sue Noel Hinrichs Ph.D., Dec. 9, 2012. Born in 1935 in Clinton, Okla., she was a CPA and professor at San Jose State University and University of the Pacific. She and husband Eric were almond growers in the Manteca area for many years.

1976 Audrey Bernfield M.A., Nov. 3, 2012. At Stanford, Bernfield nurtured students in the Program in Human Biology and as director of Undergraduate Advising. At Harvard Medical School she was director of Enrichment Programs.

1977 Steven Emerson Curtis M.S., Jan. 5, 2013. Curtis was born in Salt Lake City in 1948. He spent the majority of his career designing medical imaging equipment and managing research and development departments. He was granted many patents.

Joan Marie Vellequette M.A., Nov. 13, 2012. Born Joan Marie Lynch in Chicopee, Mass., she married **Murlin Vellequette MBA '68** in 1952 and eventually settled in Los Altos. She was a chemist for Ethyl Corp. and then raised eight children, including **Mark '86**, **MBA '91**.

1979 Natalia Ortiz Mead, Dec. 26, 2012. Born in 1923, she married William E. Mead Jr. and raised two daughters, two sons, and two grandsons. The Sunnyvale resident served a year in the Army as an aircraft mechanic. She was an English teacher and coached children's sports.

1981 John Patrick Mirch, Oct. 27, 2012. A resident of San Jose, he was born in 1959 in San Francisco. In 1982 he married the love of his life, **Laurie Borello '80**, and raised two sons. He was generous and kind to others.

David Louis Normandin, Nov. 20, 2012. Known for his generosity, heart of gold, and spontaneous free spirit, he was born in 1957 in Colorado Springs. The San Jose resident worked at Normandin Chrysler Jeep and Dodge and spent recent years caring for his two children and working as a jack of all trades. Survivors include wife Michelle, father **Lon '56** and mother Peggy, sisters **Caren Normandin '79** and **Lisa McHugh '81**, and nephews **James McHugh '10** and **Matthew Normandin '10**.

1991 Andrew John Solomon, Dec. 5, 2012. A longtime pillar of the Fresno community where he grew up, Solomon held a 25-year career in commercial real estate. Survivors include brother **Jeff Solomon '84**.

1999 Sean Gabriel O'Bryan, Jan. 18, 2013. Born in 1977, he was a gifted trumpet player. O'Bryan lived a full, joy-filled, and generous life in Seattle, working for Microsoft and creating a company of his own.

IN MEMORIAM



CHARLES BARRY

Professor of Chemistry **Michael Anthony Sweeney** called teaching at Santa Clara “the best job I've ever had.” That job started in 1966 and lasted 46 years. The students in his first chemistry class presented him with a pamphlet, “Sweeney's Similes,” in which they recorded many of the analogies from his lectures. Before he came to teaching he was a research chemist for Standard Oil, and he rose to the rank of captain while serving in the U.S. Air Force. While conducting research for his doctorate in chemistry at U.C. Berkeley, he co-discovered isotope rhenium-181. His investigation into the radiation levels of the primitive Earth atmosphere added to our understanding of the origin of life. The family that carries on his memory includes three children—**Matthew '93**, **Anna '86**, and **Daniel '87**—their spouses, and two grandchildren. He died on March 26 of pancreatic cancer, and a memorial service was held at the Mission Church. The family asks that donations be made in his memory to the Department of Chemistry, where a scholarship has been established for a chemistry major who demonstrates interest in a teaching career, and who also has a sense of humor.

Leonard Napolitano '51, Jan. 7, 2013. The father of **Janet Napolitano '79** was born in 1930 in Oakland. He quarterbacked the Broncos to victory in the 1950 Orange Bowl over Bear Bryant's Kentucky Wildcats. He taught at Cornell Medical School and University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He was a founding faculty member at the School of Medicine at the University of New Mexico, becoming dean in 1973 until retirement in 1994. He loved opera, Tony Bennett, good food, and good company.



William Francis Egan '58, Dec. 16, 2012. The Cupertino resident was a principal engineer at GTE Sylvania and ESL. He was an SCU instructor and author of several technical books. He was married to Mary Ann. Children include **John '90**, **Michael '95**, **Thomas '88**, **M.S. '92**, **Ph.D. '05**, and **William Jr. '84**.

Mary Asuncion served Santa Clara University for 23 years as senior administrative assistant in the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. She died in December. Survivors include daughters Jennifer and **Kimberly Moreno '96**.



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The first Jesuit Pope

SCU Chancellor William J. Rewak, S.J., on why Pope Francis I is different. And why a Jesuit Pope is rare.

The widespread interest in the new Pope has been fueled by his obvious humility, his informality, his reaching out to the poor, and his penchant for stripping down the layers of Renaissance garb that often engulfed his predecessors. He is a simple man with simple tastes.

His simplicity and humility are classic attributes to which all members of his religious order, the Jesuits, aspire, but it is not a Jesuit attribute to rise in the ranks of Catholicism to bishop or cardinal—much less pope. But there is wisdom to the choice, which is rooted in the Jesuit tradition.

When Pope Francis entered the Jesuit Order, he chose a lifestyle, a culture, an intellectual history, a spirituality that formed his worldview. He chose a religious order that was not another expression of a silent monastic life—a life hidden from the world—but one that encouraged its members to dialogue with the world and grapple with its problems. Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the Jesuits in 1534, wanted us to live and work in the midst of an often grubby civilization, wherever people congregated, wherever there was need.

And they were to go where the need was greatest. Ignatius, knowing the value of education and how it had the potential to transform a culture, began schools and colleges, and within two centuries there were well over 600 of them scattered around the globe, along

with almost 300 mission stations. The Jesuit Order grew in a frenzy of activity.

Jesuits, however, were not to be exempt from prayer; on the contrary, prayer was to be a large part of a Jesuit's life, but it would grow out of his involvement with the poor, the uneducated, the dispossessed. They were to be “contemplatives in action.”

That has been Francis' history and education. It has been imprinted on his heart. So when Pope John Paul II appointed him bishop in 1992, that Jesuit commitment never wavered. He was ordained a bishop, but he remained a Jesuit. Though now a Pope, he remains a Jesuit. (The Jesuit seal is on his Papal coat of arms.) However, since he is the ultimate Superior and cannot be limited by other obligations,

he cannot retain the rights and duties of being a Jesuit: He cannot be elected a religious superior, he cannot attend formal gatherings of Jesuits that review rules and lifestyle. He cannot take part in the ordinary governance of the Jesuit Order.

Is Francis still bound by the vows that all Jesuits take—poverty, chastity, and obedience? Ladislav Orsy, S.J., a canon lawyer who teaches at the Georgetown School of Law, says: “Religious vows are made to God ... His vow of poverty holds but he is the only judge of how to observe it in his circumstances. His vow of obedience, however, loses its meaning because he has no Superior to obey.” And, of course, his vow of chastity still holds.

So the legal bond between him and the Society has been broken; however, the spiritual bond, the brotherhood,

the ideals by which he and other Jesuits have been formed—all these remain.

But much has been made of the fact that Francis is the first Jesuit Pope. Why hasn't this happened before?

After a long formation, Francis, like other Jesuits, made what we call Final Profession, which includes several promises. One of them is never to seek the office of bishop, and never to accept it unless the Pope expressly wishes it. Ignatius enjoined on us that promise because he wanted to keep us available, ready to take up our cloaks and go wherever we are sent. A bishop cannot in that way be available.

Further, Ignatius wanted to keep his Jesuits out of the Renaissance caldron of ambition, an ambition that entertains us (Showtime's *Borgias*) but was always a scandal.

No other religious order asks its members to make that vow. So the possibility of a Jesuit Pope has been minimal: Relatively few Jesuit bishops have been appointed, and even fewer cardinals.

Many will be watching Pope Francis to see how he confronts the thorny issues of a modern Church, but if his decision to hold the Holy Thursday liturgy in a jail for juvenile offenders, and to kneel to wash their feet, is any indication of his future work, it is clear he will be a bishop of compassion, a shepherd eager to care for his flock. For this Argentinian Jesuit, his work will not be delegated; it will be borne with love.

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